

Some Truths Published in England--But Censored Here

Just 1 Copy
Of Reynolds
News Gives
Lie to Press

Bares Some Facts
Churchill Seeks
to Hide

IN all the miles of cabled dispatches from London which fill up so large a part of American newspapers, are there no evidences of shortcomings in British "democracy"? Are no voices raised for the freedom of India and for friendship with the U.S.S.R.?

At any rate, none gets printed in the controlled American press.

Such items are not on the editorial order list of news wanted from England.

Yet British periodicals themselves are forced to reflect much of the popular discontent, of the bitter class conflict, of the pro-Soviet and anti-imperialist sentiment that the people in England talk of. British newspapers, censored and pro-government though they are, would not dare to conceal from their own people so much of the truth about England as American papers do.

A recent issue of Reynolds News (Nov. 17), widely read London newspaper, which has reached here, throws a spotlight on the British news which American bourgeois editors censor out of our press.

Sample Question No. 1: Is the war considered a democratic crusade in England?

Answer by Reynolds News: A columnist named Yaffie, in an ironic query on "Our Peace Aim," sums it up thus: "(a) Battling for the world's markets was the cause of this war; (b) We must go on after the war battling for the world's markets; (c) Therefore, as soon as this war is over we must start preparing for another one."

Sample Question No. 2: What about the reputed "war collectivism" and "socialism" and "free medical treatment" and "levelling of classes" supposed to be turning England upside down?

Answer by Reynolds News: a) "Civil servants are joining the engineers, ship-building workers and railway men in demanding increased WAGES to meet the rising COST OF LIVING."

b) People are angered by a proposal to use "condemned houses" for poor evacuees from bombed areas, while many well-equipped and empty houses are available.

c) Poor evacuees from London and other towns are kicked out of good quarters in the country by "rich evacuees" who buy the houses and move in.

d) Shelters from air raids are over-crowded, and there are "growing dangers of disease and vermin in public shelters."

e) Sexual disease is increasing in areas where troops are billeted, and "large areas crowded both with troops and civilians, are without any treatment facilities at all."

Sample Question No. 3: What do the common people of England think of the treatment given the colonies by the British imperial rulers? And of Loyalist Spain?

Answer by Reynolds News: a) About Ireland: If Churchill wants sea bases from Ireland, why doesn't he allow a "united Ireland," regardless of "Lord Craigavon and other Diehards."

b) About Spain: "Does Franco's profession of Christianity atone in Lord Halifax's view for all his lapses

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Progressive ALP Adopts Program for Peace, Jobs

Starts Drive on Political
Patronage, Seeks
County Reform

Plans to launch a citywide fight for elimination of useless political jobs through county reform were announced yesterday by the Progressive Committee to Rebuild the American Labor Party, which at the same time made public a program of action embracing issues of peace, social security and the rights of labor.

Progressive A.L.P. leaders announced the creation of a legislative committee, headed by Alfred K. Stern, recent A.L.P. candidate for Congress, to deal with federal, state and municipal affairs and "all matters vitally affecting the interests of the people."

Morris Watson, chairman of the progressive committee, after conferring with Eugene P. Connelly, organization director, and Samuel Blumenthal, publications director, and other state and local party leaders, said steps had been taken to hold a series of regional conferences throughout the state to obtain maximum support of the committee's program.

VITAL PROBLEMS
"The issues of peace, social security, civil liberties, the rights of labor, discrimination against the foreign born and other minorities, the welfare of the youth, the aged, the farmers and the unemployed."

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150 Died in Christmas Accidents

109 Killed in Traffic
Collisions Through
Country

(By United Press)
Tragedy of sudden death marred the joy of Christmas festivities yesterday as more than 150 persons died violently on the highways, in fires and airplane crashes.

At least 109 persons were killed in traffic accidents. Eleven persons died of burns and 46 perished in other violence. Total deaths early Wednesday night numbered 160.

A single collision at Ways Station, Pa., killed seven persons, six of whom were members of two families en route to Christmas festivities. Another collision near Lexington, Neb., killed seven persons.

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MORRIS WATSON

Defense Boosts Public Debt to \$45 Billion

Army, Navy Spending
Amounts to \$1 1/2
Billion

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 (UP).—American defense expenditures for the first half of the fiscal year totaled \$1,500,000,000, almost one-third of the total expenditures from the general fund, Treasury figures showed today.

Direct defense expenditures have risen steadily since July to approximately \$300,000,000 for October. Total defense expenses for the first six months of the last fiscal year were \$854,000,000.

The Navy led in this year's defense spending with \$779,000,000 compared to \$271,931,000 last year. Comparable figures for the Army

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Many Strikes For Pay Rises Hit Shanghai

10,000 Out, Thousands
More Affected
By Stoppages

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)
SHANGHAI, Dec. 25.—Swiftly growing movements for wage increases and improved labor conditions today boosted the total number of workers actively participating in strikes here to 10,000, while the number of workers idle because of the stoppages amounts to many times that figure.

This week 5,000 women workers employed in small knitting shops struck for pay increases.

A strike of 300 mechanics and engineers in the textile industry closed down numerous plants employing a total of 30,000 Chinese workers. More than 800 workers in the flour industry are also on strike.

Italians Pound Bardia Besiegers

Unofficial Truce Gives
Berlin, London a
Quiet Day

CAIRO, Egypt, Dec. 25 (UP).—Italian dive-bombers attempting to relieve pressure on their Libyan base of Bardia attacked British troop concentrations today after the Royal Air Force unleashed smashing blows along the fascist front from Albania to Africa.

British general headquarters said in a communique that the Italian air force had sent support to the beleaguered troops fighting to hold the port of Bardia.

Unrelenting fierce dive-bombing attacks, the fascist warplanes roared in over the Bardia area and attacked British troop concentrations, but military quarters tonight were of the opinion that British plans would not be delayed in "the least" by the new attacks.

The RAF communique said that great damage had been done to the Italians in a surprise raid on the fascist base of Valona in Albania toward which Greek warriors, after capturing Khimara, are now pushing with new fury.

**GERMAN RAIDERS
TAKE DAY OFF**
BERLIN, Dec. 25 (UP).—A High Command communique revealed today that the German air force undertook no offensive operations yesterday or last night and that no raids were made on German territory by the Royal Air Force.

The communique reported also on the large-scale raid on Manchester Monday night, and revealed belatedly that in addition to two ships already reported sunk another 2,500-ton merchantman had been sent to the bottom in a sortie by German speed boats Monday night.

**RAF CONDUCTS
NO BOMBINGS**
LONDON, Dec. 25 (UP).—At dusk 24 hours of an unofficial British truce.

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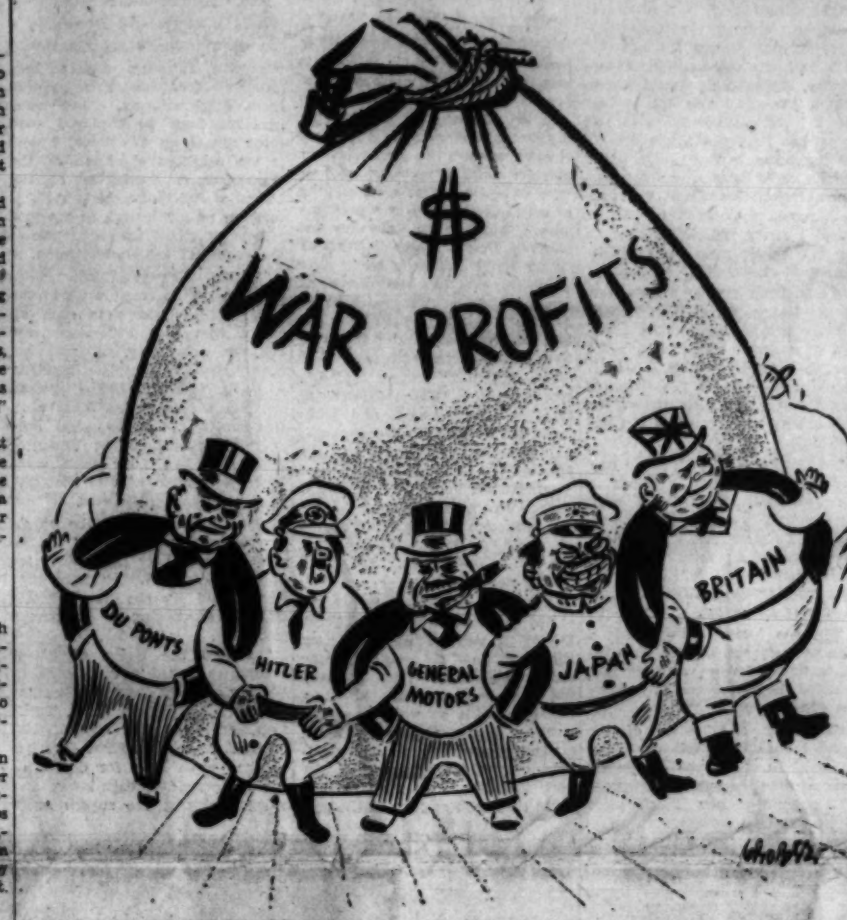
Today Is Last Day in Alien Registration

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 (UP).—The Department of Justice tonight issued a final warning that tomorrow (Thursday) is the last day on which aliens may register and be fingerprinted in accordance with the new registration act.

Earl G. Harrison, director of registration, said arrangements had been made with postal officials in the large centers to keep their offices open until midnight to accommodate belated registrants.

U.S. NAVY CHIEFS MANEUVER FOR GRAB OF MARTINIQUE

--by Gropper



Recall Churchill's Praise Of Rome Fascists as He Poses Now as 'Liberator'

By S. W. Gerson

Winston Churchill is not the flaming sword of liberation for the Italian people.

Dark-haired, attractive young Mary Testa, editor of l'Unita del Popolo, tapped an emphatic finger on a copy of the British Prime Minister's speech in her book-crowded office yesterday to make her point.

The progressive Italian-American weekly was in a rush to make a deadline and Miss Testa had a half-completed editorial in her typewriter but she was glad to take

time off to give her view on the Churchill address.

"That speech will undoubtedly be

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Wheeler Says Aid to Britain Evades Law

Declares Majority of
People Are Opposed
to War Loans

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 (UP).—Sen. Burton K. Wheeler, D. Mont., charged today that the administration is "evading the law" in its aid-to-Britain policy, and called on President Roosevelt to try to "bring the warring factions together and insist on a just peace."

In a Christmas interview, Wheeler, a leading foe of Mr. Roosevelt's foreign policy and spokesman for the Senate isolation bloc, told reporters:

"I'm satisfied that a majority of the American people are not for repeal of the Johnson Act or the Neutrality Act, nor for conveying supplies to Britain, nor for leasing guns, battleships or bombers to Britain."

"They know that this is an evasion of the law, and the people are not gullible enough to believe that these materials will ever be returned. They know that if Britain's war is unable to pay back after the last war, she couldn't replace our property after this one."

Wheeler, who returned to Wash-

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BULLETIN

Germans Move More Troops Into Rumania

BUDAPEST, Dec. 25.—The vanguard of new German forces, estimated to be of 300,000 in 20 divisions, began moving through Hungary into Rumania today.

The new troops are reported equipped with tanks, motor transports, artillery and bridge-building equipment.

The Germans have had an estimated 100,000 troops in Rumania. There was no explanation given yet on the purpose or of the right-of-way Hungary granted to the troops.

The railway administration of Hungary announced that passenger movement will be drastically restricted. German transport agents are already quartered at Hungarian stations to supervise the transport of troops.

Describe French Island As 'Necessary' for Caribbean Chain

TALKS REPORTED

Leahy, Envoy to Vichy,
Expected to Renew
Proposal

(By United Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Naval leaders want to use the island of Martinique as a sea and air base and are insisting in the face of French refusal, on efforts to obtain base rights there, well qualified sources disclosed tonight.

Naval strategists contend that a Martinique base is essential to complete the American defense plan in the Caribbean. The island, center of controversy and mystery since the German conquest of France, is a link in the chain of islands athwart southern entrance into the Caribbean.

If the United States had an air base there, the Caribbean could be completely sealed against invasion, expert tacticians told the United Press. They pointed out that even a veritable "Gibraltar" like Puerto Rico can not guarantee the Caribbean and the Panama Canal against penetration unless, every channel is brought under surveillance.

It was revealed that informal conversations seeking a leasehold or other rights on the island have been held intermittently, but French officials have politely but determinedly refused all advances.

Admiral William D. Leahy, new ambassador to France who is now en route to Vichy aboard the cruiser Tuscaloosa, is expected to reopen the conversations. Leahy is an expert on Caribbean defenses. He was supervising the fortification of Puerto Rico, where he was governor, when President Roosevelt chose him for the Vichy post.

ADVANTAGES CITED

The Navy reportedly is anxious to obtain a site there because Fort De France, the main port, boasts one of the finest harbors in the Lesser Antilles. A deep, protected anchorage would afford shelter for a half dozen large naval vessels, while the surrounding hills are adaptable to adequate gun emplacements.

The harbor formation provides a natural runway for heavily laden bombers of naval transport. Comparable facilities are available in only a few other harbors in the lower Caribbean.

The United Press informant said that American naval leaseholds recently acquired from Great Britain on Antigua and St. Lucia near Martinique, are of only moderate value, since only small patrol and fighting craft can operate from them.

Between Puerto Rico and Trinidad, only Martinique has the necessary physical requirements for a first class base.

Martinique has figured prominently in headlines for several months. The French aircraft carrier Bearn, with 100 American-made warplanes on its deck, was crossing the Atlantic when France surrendered to Germany last spring, and on instructions from Vichy promptly put in at Fort De France. The planes were taken ashore, where they were killed ever since.

This country reportedly has sought to re-purchase the aircraft but Vichy adamantly has refused to sell them.

A British blockade of the island resulted in a serious food shortage recently, but after lengthy negotiations the blockade was lifted. The United States released sufficient frozen French funds to make necessary purchases, and needed supplies were shipped in from this country.

FDR Dines Royalty On Christmas Day

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 (UP).—President and Mrs. Roosevelt attended church services today and then entertained five members of the Norwegian royal family at a Christmas luncheon.

The luncheon guests were Crown Prince Olaf, Crown Princess Martha and their three children—Princess Martha and the children have been living in nearby Maryland for some time. The prince joined them for the holidays, flying from the seat of the refugee Norwegian government in England.

HAPPINESS: SOCIALISM'S GIFT TO PEOPLE OF THE U. S. S. R.

New Year Will Really Mean 'Happy' to Soviet Workers

(This is the second of a series of interviews with noted Soviet citizens.)

By G. Stanley

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)
MOSCOW, Dec. 25.—From circus clown to learned member of the Soviet Academy, Soviet citizens are happy to be Soviet citizens, for they find happiness in the Soviet way of life.

Sculptress and woman farmer, inventor and explorer, composer and actress, all express enthusiasm for socialism, which brings them fulfillment of their capacities and of their dreams.

Anna Klimova, woman collective farmer on the Ogordny Giant Collective Farm in the Moscow Region, awarded the Order of the USSR, is one of the many thousands of Russian peasant women who became noted people in their country by virtue of their Stakhanov work, by contributing a wealth of initiative and well-organized labor to the cause of their collective farms, serving as an example to those lagging behind.

"This middle-aged peasant woman, who suffered much grief during her life before the revolution, is now delivering lectures and reports before audiences of agronomists and academicians as well as directors of other collective farms eager to benefit from her experience.

A BUMPER HARVEST

First, 1940 brought me a bumper harvest," she said. "On the section assigned to me I harvested ten to twelve tons of potatoes an acre. The harvest of other vegetable crops was equally high. The good harvest was more the result of the people concerned than of the weather. We worked very well this year. And if you work well, you earn accordingly. My personal income this year amounted to 5,500 rubles and about eight tons of vegetables. Although my husband lagged behind my record, he also received a considerable sum in cash and vegetables. Our collective farm as a whole earned 2,000,000 rubles.

"My daughter is a sophomore in the Institute of Foreign Languages. She previously finished the Teachers' Training School. My oldest son took up tractor driving. The younger one entered a trade school at the Moscow Stalin Automobile plant, where he is being taught the profession of turner.

"This year I again participated in the USSR Agricultural Exhibition. During the summer I gave many talks there on my methods of work.

"At the tenth anniversary celebration of our work we recalled the past. How we joined the collective farm having practically no equipment at all, how we obliterated all boundary lines which had broken up the fields and gardens into scattered strips, how the state furnished us with all kinds of agricultural machines and how we began work together, laboring honestly, each one of us having in mind the good of all, and all of us thinking of each individual.

MODERN EQUIPMENT

"Now there is no work in the collective farm which is done by hand. Everything is done by machinery. All our collective farmers live in well-built homes with all requisite outbuildings. We have splendid brick stables and various other buildings. Among the new structures in our village there is our club with its cinema hall, a secondary school and several stores. Before the revolution our village didn't have a single machine and there was hardly a single decent-looking house in the village. If a miracle could happen and the former owner of this village, the landlord, should come back to life, he would, I assure you, die on the spot for a second time from astonishment and chagrin."

Academician Nikolai Tsitin, one of the best pupils of Ivan Michurin, the first initiator in the growing of the perennial wheat, director of the All-Union Agricultural Exhibition and Deputy of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR, is one of the outstanding agronomists of the Soviet Union.

"In 1940," he said, "I began a new work: Seeking radical methods to combat agricultural pests and work on the recently completed practical tests of the preparations made from the insecticide, pyrethrum roseum (dalmatian daisy), which is poisonous for animal parasites and for pests of grain stores.

"On the basis of this work, I plan to carry out, in 1941, wide investigations of new vegetable poisons for the destruction of dangerous pests.

"My work as director of the USSR brought me particular satisfaction. In 1940 the exhibition demonstrated the agricultural progress of our country much more

graphically and in more detail than in the preceding year. It popularized new methods in agriculture and livestock breeding and it helped organize new achievements in agriculture.

BUILD POWER STATION

"As Deputy of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR, I spent some time this summer in Siberia among my constituents, with whom I keep in constant touch and whom I assisted in building a large collective farm hydro-electric station."

Alla Tarasova, People's Artist of the USSR, awarded the Order of Lenin, is a famous actress of the Moscow Art Theatre. A few years ago Europe admired the acting of Alla Tarasova as Anna Karenina in the play based on Leo Tolstoy's novel.

"This year, like those preceding, brought me happiness, in large and small portions, the usual joys of a Soviet person," she said. "To enumerate them all would take a number of pages and it is difficult to give preference to any particular one. If my friends expect to see a long list of new roles, they are going to be disappointed. We have the opportunity to rehearse one play 100 times, if necessary, and we take advantage of this opportunity, to polish every detail of a performance. This year gave me only one new role, that of Masha in Chekhov's 'Three Sisters.' After a break of 15 years, this play has been revived at the Art Theatre. The last time we performed this play was during our tour of America on the stages of New York, Chicago and Boston."

The "Three Sisters" of 1940 differs from the "Three Sisters" of 1925, not only in staging and treatment, but in the cast of performers. All the roles have been distributed among the new young generation of actors trained by the Art Theatre, a generation which strives ever higher and higher to the incomparable art of their teachers—Stanislavsky, Danchenko, Koscov, Knipper, Cjekhova and others.

"This year marked the 30th anniversary of the death of Leo Tolstoy. During the days of the anniversary the telephone of my apartment rang almost incessantly. Factories rang up, plants and clubs wanted to get in touch with excerpts from the works of this great Russian writer.

"And performing before an audience of workers, even though I've done this countless times, I always sense that each emotion of the act-

ress, each word of Tolstoy's, finds a response in hundreds of hearts.

"This year brought me scores of letters. Right now as I am writing these lines, one of them is lying on my desk, a letter from a sailor living and working at the very edge of the Soviet Union where the fogs of the Sea of Okhotsk shroud everything the whole year round. My correspondent asks me to help him in preparing a report which he soon has to deliver on love, family and marriage. Profound thought can be read between the lines of this letter.

"The Soviet theatregoer considers that in order for an actor to perform a role well, he must be a philosopher. My unknown acquaintance—a sailor—never doubts for a moment that even a Soviet actress can offer an answer for any involved psychological question."

NEW VIOLIN CONCERTO

The composer Aram Khachaturian is a 36-year-old Armenian, a son of a formerly oppressed people with suffering and a long struggle for liberation behind them. Khachaturian, whose compositions have been played with great success in the Soviet Union, is the assistant chairman of the organizational committee of the Union of Soviet Composers. He is carrying on much work in the field of developing the national music of the people of the Soviet Union.

"In 1940," he explained, "I devoted myself to social work in the Union of Composers to such an extent that very little time was left for composing. I managed nevertheless to complete a violin concerto which I had long ago thought of composing. This work was written in a beautiful spot near Moscow where the Union of Composers has built with state funds a number of very comfortable individual residences.

"This year I wrote the music for the play, 'Masquerade,' by the great Russian poet Lermontov; by Lope de Vega's 'Widow from Valencia.' And for the film, 'Salavit Yalaev,' concerning a Bashkirian folk hero.

"In 1940 the Union of Soviet Composers called a conference in Moscow of musicians and folk singers from the Uzbek, Tajik, Turkmen, Armenian and other Soviet Socialist Republics. These favorites of the people have for dozens of years roamed through towns and villages, singing the superb songs

which were handed down from generation to generation.

"All these folk singers are very talented, but they lack musical culture. In Moscow we taught them note writing, acquainted them with modern music composition. These people came from places where there was no written language, to say nothing of national culture. Soon we will gather another such group of creators of folk music in Moscow.

"In 1941, I intend to finish the music to a ballet, 'Sparta.'"

Hero of the Soviet Union Constantine Badigin was captain of the famous ice-breaker Sedov which drifted 812 days in the Arctic ice. A young man of exceptional courage, he is not only an Arctic navigator but is irresistibly attracted by the grim northern regions. He also is a scientist.

"In 1940 the ice-breaker Georgi Sedov, of which I was captain, safely finished its 812-day drift," he told me. "We traversed the central polar basin and returned to our native land. The government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics appraised highly the services of our expedition and of our crew. Together with the entire crew, I received the highest award of my country—the title of Hero of the Soviet Union and the Order of Lenin.

COMPLETING A BOOK

"Everyone who has ever been in the U.S.S.R. even once knows how quickly the aspect of the country changes. When we returned to the mainland we could not recognize those same cities to which we had hidden farewell thirty months back. It is not difficult to imagine how happy I was to return to my family, whom I had not seen for two and a half years. My joy will perhaps be even more easily understood if I add I was married only three months before I left for the Arctic voyage that lasted so long.

"Upon my return from the Arctic I began, after a short rest, to work on my book. This work of many months is not yet finished. In this book I tell of the life of our crew on board the ship, tightly held in the icy grip of the Arctic, of our scientific work, of the preliminary results of our scientific observations. The book will soon be published under the title, 'On Board the Georgi Sedov.' At the same time I studied a

great deal. I decided to complete a correspondence school course at the Institute of Marine Engineering. Although I possess the education necessary to be a captain, it will do no harm to acquire the specialty of marine engineer."

The sculptor Vera Mukhina is author of the famous sculpture of the worker and collective farmer which towered over the Soviet pavilion at the International Exhibition in Paris. At present this sculpture decorates the Agricultural Exhibition in Moscow.

PORTRAY THE PEOPLE

In her studio Vera Mukhina works on new monuments, like all other Soviet sculptors who desire to make the streets of our new cities beautiful.

"We Soviet sculptors," she began, "take our types from real people and we strive to combine expressiveness and simplicity of portrayal with sublimity and spirituality of type. In the last four years alone the government of the Soviet Union assigned state funds for the erection of 63 monumental statues commemorating such distinguished persons as Pushkin, Tchaikovsky, Gogol, Gorky, Mayakovsky and Khvalov.

"I received many letters when the contest for a Gorky memorial was announced. In these letters people from cities and villages, people who had absolutely nothing to do with sculpture or even art in general, tried to tell me in simple but ardent words what kind of a monument they thought ought to be erected to the great Russian writer. These letters brought me much joy in 1940. Somehow they made me feel especially happy, made me feel that my work was needed, that many people were awaiting it and trying to help me make it as splendid as possible. It is difficult to overestimate the joy this feeling brings to the artist.

"The year 1941 will mark the beginning of my work on a huge 60-foot sculpture which will decorate the structure of the hydro-electric center in Rybinsk, not far from Moscow."

Ivan Gudov is a Stakhanovite "million-machine operator," a deputy to the Supreme Soviet, and an order-bearer who is performing real miracles in the field of perfecting productive technique. The name of Gudov has acquired the same wide renown as that of Alexei Stakhanov. Gudov has a mass of

followers. As deputy, he receives correspondence from all parts of the Soviet Union, and manages to cope with his state activity, to study and visit plants, to engage in sports and to be invariably an initiator of all sorts of innovations in his trade.

"People have created a multitude of fairy tales through the ages," he told me, in explaining his life. "No small number of them tell of dreams that come true.

"Last year, on the occasion of the sixtieth birthday of Joseph Stalin, I succeeded in turning out eighty-five times as many articles on my labors as called for by the standard of output. Some people have tried to explain my world record in production by some sort of extraordinary physical endurance. Unfortunately, I do not possess super-strength. And even if I did, it would hardly have helped. I followed the wise proverb that says: brains are better than brawn.

"A few months ago, in a talk with Malyshev, vice-chairman of the Peoples Commissars, I suggested modernizing the longitudinal milling lathe, a step which would more than double the productivity of labor on this machine. Malyshev agreed with me in principle, and commissioned the Peoples Commissariat of Heavy Machine Engineering industry immediately to study my proposal in detail. Within a very short time I, a rank and file worker, submitted my invention before a gathering of engineers, among whom were persons possessing very high academic titles and those who were authors of many scientific works, savants famed not only in the USSR but abroad as well.

INVENTION ADOPTED

"Some inventors may remark that a great distance lies between a good idea and its application in practice. As experience has shown, this distance has been reduced to a minimum in my country. At the direction of the Peoples Commissariat of Heavy Machine Engineering industry, competent engineers assisted me in working out technical details and did this without remuneration; the plant quickly prepared experimental lathes at state expense. They brought it to Moscow for exhibition as metallurgical equipment.

"At the beginning of 1940, this instrument still seemed to be a dream. A few months passed, and the dream came true.

"This, by the way, is not the first time such things have happened.

When I was a shepherd lad, I dreamed of becoming a milling machine operator. This, too, materialized. And at the machine and as milling operator, I dreamed of turning out a greater production than anyone else—and this came true. I had visions of studying—and this came to pass: I am now a student at the Industrial Academy.

"And even more, something of which I could not even dream happened. People rewarded me for my Stakhanovite work by electing me a deputy to the highest organ of the country, the Supreme Soviet, and residents of Moscow elected me also a deputy to the city Soviet."

"This is the kind of thing that can be attained by any of 200,000,000 citizens in our country."

Maxim Rumyantsev "Karan, D'Ash" (the full word karandash means "pencil" in Russian), a performer of the Moscow State Circus, gave me the following reply:

"Mine is a jolly profession. But its gaiety does not keep it from being devilishly difficult. I am a circus clown. I cannot call myself a veteran actor. I have been working in the circus just ten years in all. I have experienced all kinds of things during this period. But what happened to me in 1940 will seem fantastic to even the most venerable circus artists of the world.

LAUGHTER FOR THE PEOPLE

"For my work in the sawdust ring, the government awarded me the Order of the Red Banner and the title of Merited Artist of the Republic. At the same time several other circus artists received similar awards.

"Laughter is a great pleasure for people. My aim is to make people laugh more and better. But 1940 witnessed the first instance in my life when I wanted people, on the contrary, to stop laughing.

"I have made it a habit to think over new tricks after a performance, before changing my costume and taking off make-up. Once in early autumn, carried away by a good idea, I set out for home, forgetting to take off my circus clothes and change into street dress. Walking along Moscow streets, I was lost in thought of my new turn.

"I was rudely awakened from meditation by an outburst of laughter. I gazed around—I was surrounded by a crowd of people. Some proffered me a coat, another a jacket, a third held out a raincoat. I thanked them and hastened back to the circus."

Red-Baiters Played In Toledano Speech

Lashes Out Against Anti-Communist Bloc at Restaurant Union's Congress; Calls for Labor Unity for Progress

By Alfred Miller

(Special to the Daily Worker)

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 25.—More than 400 representatives of workers of the Hotel and Restaurant trade assembled in congress at the Fine Arts Palace, here late last week to establish the first National Union of Hotel and Restaurant Workers. The new union will be part of the Confederation of Mexican Workers (CTM).

Lombardo Toledano, CTM general secretary, in greeting the new union, emphasized that the march of the Mexican Revolution depends upon the unity of the proletariat. Giving the new trade unionists an idea of their enemies, Toledano took the example of Perez Medina who says that he represents a so-called "National Anti-Communist Workers Bloc."

"This Senator, who has not been ashamed to use the red-black flag as general secretary of the Federation of Trade Unions of the Federal District in the old CROM (reactionary Moreno-led union) is now trying to direct the country under his anti-Communist banner. But we know what is behind this so-called anti-Communist struggle. The CTM is not Communist, and has never been so. It is an independent trade union organization but a revolutionary one. And it has never been anti-Communist and can never be so because it includes in its ranks Communists as well as anarchists, syndicalists and people of various theoretical beliefs, but all united in the common idea of the class struggle.

"And behind the anti-Communist struggle there is nothing more than this: the eagerness of reaction. We know that the first step is against the Communists, the second against the revolutionary labor movement, whatever its color in order to convert the workers' movement into a herd of castrates at the service of professional politicians to deprive it of its independence in the class struggle."

RAPS MORONES

Lombardo then scored Luis N. Morones, the racketeering leader of the CROM who, the day before arriving from the United States, had called Lázaro Cárdenas an assassin. Toledano exposed Morones in terms he had never before used in any of his speeches.

"These are the men who today want to show the way," he said. "And there are others within the revolutionary movement but who

are real enemies of the Revolution. And the only way to meet this threat is to close the ranks, to support the regime, to aid the Public Power which do not labor. And if there are actions of in all its positive acts in favor of satisfy us, we must see the head of the government, explain to him the labor movements' objections, argue with him, convince him that to govern means to serve the people to the utmost."

"I greet you," concluded Toledano, "in the name of the Government and the National Committee of the CTM. Out of this Congress there will develop a powerful organization that includes old fighters who will teach us how to struggle, like the man (Fidel Velazquez) presiding over this assembly, men who have been the forerunners of the labor movement, and young people, men and women as I see them here. We reiterate our confidence and our belief not only in the constant triumph of the Mexican Revolution but in the final triumph of the cause of the people everywhere on this planet."

Fidel Velazquez, CTM secretary of organization and propaganda, had been elected President of the congress. He is the foremost candidate to replace Toledano as general secretary of the CTM.

Will Retaliate, Says Slam of French 'Attack'

BANGKOK, Dec. 25 (UP).—Premier Luang Bipul Songgram said today that Thailand is determined to retaliate against attacks from French Indo-China. He placed responsibility for hostility on French authorities, saying they had ignored Thai peace gestures.

The Premier described Thai relations with Great Britain as smooth as a result of readjustment of the Burma frontier.



Vote a Wage Increase: Latvian workers, who in 1940 voted to incorporate their country into the Soviet Union, also voted themselves big wage increases. This picture shows a meeting of the Bairoze plant in Riga at which workers discuss the wage increase. Subsequently the Council of Peoples Commissars of the Latvian Socialist Soviet Republic and the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Latvia voted a 25 to 50 per cent wage increase for all workers in the country.

Mexico's Draft Not in Effect Until 1942

Drawing of Numbers Postponed for a Year

(Special to the Daily Worker)

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 25.—Obligatory military service will not be put into operation in Mexico until 1942, it was announced officially here Saturday.

The Military Service Law was passed by Congress about four months ago. The first draft was scheduled to take place next month. And conscripts were supposed to receive their draft numbers for Christmas this year.

All this is off, postponed for one year and possible indefinitely. No reasons were given in the official announcement. It is understood, however, that no preparations have been made to receive any number of conscripts.

List of conscripts will be published in November, 1941, the announcement says. They will enter the service on January 1, 1942.

Nicaraguan Amnesty

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Dec. 25 (UP).—President Anastasio Somoza signed a Christmas amnesty decree yesterday, pardoning all political and police court offenders.

Three Years a Prisoner Of Franco, First Aim Is To Continue the Fight

A Spanish Republican volunteer, free at last after nearly three years in a fascist "labor battalion," has written a friend in New York in an effort to find out "what's next" in the fight against fascism. He wants to get back into the fight, he says, and asks to be advised how to contact organizations which can help him.

The letter reads:

"Dear comrade: After a long and adventure I am finally free and safe and ready for new fighting. If we have not communicated in these last months, the reason is that Spanish authorities of the labor battalion clamped down on correspondence and letters from abroad. I personally, have been punished on the accusation of Communist work, and the same was done to Tama and several others among us.

"Actually, Tama is in—waiting for a chance to get out of Spain. He is free, but not free officially, you understand. A queer situation for a man without money. Dodging the police, eating some days, some days starving, always in a hurry and in a strenuous nervous excitement.

"Two hundred International com-

rades are still in Belchite. I do not consider myself free so long as a man remains there that I can help and try to get free.

"I beg you to write me, the sooner the better, informing me on these questions:

"Organizations, individuals, papers that one way or the other have interested themselves in our problem. Send me addresses.

"Direction of the work realized and its results.

"Political situation in America, Mexico, and so on.

"Possibility of some government receiving German, Italian and other international prisoners.

"Communications with Spain from over there.

"Spanish republican personalities that are over there, their personal position on the new world situation, addresses, and so on.

"Pardon me for being so short. We shall communicate more often in the future. Now I am in a hurry and overwhelmed by work in these first days of freedom and activity.

"My regards to all the comrades from Cardena and my best wishes for you.

"J. R."

Defense Boosts Public Debt to \$45 Billion

Army, Navy Spending Amounts to \$1 1/2 Billion

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were \$759,923,000 and \$282,084,000.

In addition to defense spending by the Army and Navy, approximately \$21,750,000 was expended from the President's special fund and another \$2,314,000 for administrative expenses of the Selective Service Act. Neither of these items were included in last year's totals.

The Work Projects Administration, which in recent years has dominated the expense items on the Treasury balance sheet, spent \$809,701,000 during the first part of this fiscal year. This compares with \$690,008,000 for the corresponding period last year, but its 1941 share of the general fund is proportionately less.

The gross public debt, as of December 20, stood at \$44,997,000,000, and expenditures during the last few days of the calendar year 1940 were expected to push it above \$45,000,000,000. The legal debt limit is \$49,000,000,000.

USSR Marks Gains Made During 1940

Broad Advances in Development of Industry. Railways, Water, Transport, Engineering—Huge Forward Steps Mapped for 1941

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Dec. 25.—Unexcelled advances in the development of industry, railways and water transport in the year past, and still greater gains in engineering and the training of technicians in the coming year, are part of the balance sheet of the Soviet Union as 1940 draws to a close.

Listing some of the achievements in reports made public today, it is shown that in the first nine months of 1940 in factories of Khabarovsk province alone more than 24,000,000 rubles worth of household goods were produced, exceeding by 8,000,000 rubles the figure for the corresponding period last year.

From the same province the following is reported: The Sakhalin coal trust and gold mines both far exceeded the plan for the year's output.

Amur river shipping made a profit of 21,000,000 rubles.

Excellent progress was made in the establishment of a new coal basin in the Far East.

Construction of two new mines in the Bureya coal basin is nearing completion, with four new pits already sunk.

A new metallurgical center is being established in Komsomolsk on the Amur river.

Finally, the Amur steel works, largest in the province, is rapidly being completed and by May 1, 1941, should have its first smelting and produce its first sheets of rolled steel.

ENGINEERING PROJECTS

Projects for 1941 in the engineering field include the following: The Moscow machine-building plant will produce 13 new types of lathes, including eight highly-productive automatic and semi-automatic machines.

The Leningrad machine-building works will produce universal boring machines with spindles having a diameter from 110 to 160 millimeters.

The Kramatorsk heavy engineering works will put out the heaviest type machines for rolling steel to be produced in the Soviet Union for the first time.

The Kharkov electro-mechanical works will provide the oil industry with the first series of electric borers of Soviet construction.

The Omsk engineering works in Petrosavodsk will produce 150 gas-driven tractors for the timber industry.

The Kharkov tractor plant will begin production by conveyor line

of a new caterpillar plowing tractor for technical crops.

The Stalingrad tractor plant will perfect its transport tractor and, finally, other agricultural machinery plants will produce 22 new types of machines and modernize 17 existing types.

SCHOOLS TO GROW

On the educational front, 120,000 students will graduate from USSR universities in 1941. Nearly one-quarter of these will be industrial and communal economy engineers, and 8,000 will be railway and water transport engineers.

From medical universities will come 18,000 graduates, while 50,000 newly-trained teachers will be sent to work in secondary schools.

All graduates in the Soviet Union are guaranteed jobs at their specialties, and a beginning has already been made in allocating next year's graduates to positions in their fields.

Pétain Ousts 19 Mayors As 'Extremists'

VICHY, Dec. 25 (UP).—The Interior Ministry announced today the suspension of 19 more mayors and municipal councilors. Eleven of the suspensions were for "extremist activity."

It is now comparatively certain that Pétain's decree creating the "consultative assembly" will be published shortly in the official journal. Its membership probably will be limited to a maximum of 180 persons, compared with more than 300 in the previous Senate and 611 in the Chamber. Its members will not be elected but will be picked by Pétain and their nomination will be by decree.

'Quakes in Italy

FLORENCE, Italy, Dec. 25 (UP).—Five successive earth tremors shook the Val d'Ara region near Florence between 2 and 8 A. M. today.

Lockheed Workers High-Pressured For 'Gift Bomber'

Held Up for \$90,000 As State Department and Aircraft Firm Join in Drive to Drum Up 'Spontaneous' Donation

Another "gift bomber" crossed the Canadian border yesterday at Detroit, on way to England, this time marked as from the "employees" of the Lockheed Aircraft Corp. plants.

Several days earlier a plane was similarly dispatched as a "gift" from the construction workers of Camp Edwards, Mass.

To lend a bit of drama in what is pictured as a "spontaneous" response from the workers in defense of "democracy," Jimmie Mattern, around-the-world flier, was placed at the controls of the Lockheed plane.

As the flier made his flight from Burbank, Calif., news tickers reported the plane's progress as though an eventful trip was being made.

'SPONTANEITY' EXPOSED

There is no doubt about the plane workers being those who paid the \$90,000 for the Lockheed bomber, but the "spontaneous" and "voluntary" sentiment for "gifts" has been debunked as details trickled through from the plane factories.

The Lockheed workers averaged about \$5 each for the plane. A like donation was deducted from the pay envelopes of the construction workers at Camp Edwards.

It now appears that these donations are only an experiment for a wide campaign in which methods similar to those employed during the World War for Liberty Bonds, would be employed, to shift some of the burden for war supplies directly on the workers and give an impression that a mass sentiment is behind it.

The technique in developing the "spontaneous" response is alike everywhere, and follows the pattern as described in Tuesday's issue of the Daily Worker in the dispatch from Camp Edwards. Like a bolt from the blue, the foreman nails the worker with a pledge card authorizing the company to take out of his envelope as much as is required to pay for the plane. The foreman, quite sure the worker values his job and will sign, only watches to note if he even hesitates about doing so. Occasionally the foreman has to throw out the hint that those who won't sign are not very secure in their job, but the FBI-inspired atmosphere in the war plants is such that hints are hardly necessary.

STATE DEPT BACKING

The "gift" plane plan, as revealed in the photostatic copy of the pledge card in the Tuesday Daily Worker, is backed by the State Department, which has arranged for everything. No one in the plant knows where the campaign for the "gift" bomber started. There is much of a buzz and expressions of resentment at the "holdup" and use of practices that smell strongly of the "yellow dog" contracts.

All the workers do know is that the foreman or some other company agent handed them the pledge card and that the State Department "backs" the plan.

Needle Trades Peace Council Calls Meeting

To Announce Plans for First Issue of Publication

The Needle Trades Council for Peace and Democracy invited all its members to attend its enlarged executive board meeting 5:15 P. M. at 235 West 40th Street, to hear of the next steps the organization is taking to spread its campaign.

Final arrangements will be announced on the agenda of the first issue of the Council's publication through which thousands of garment workers will be reached for peace and defense of civil liberties. The first issue will be out at a celebration January 18, at IWO center, 71 Fifth Avenue, arranged to mark its appearance.

The Council is composed of members in the locals of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

Pan-Am Plane Sinks

BAHIA, Brazil, Dec. 25 (UP).—A Pan-American airplane carrying 28 Sikorsky seaplane captain and sank this morning in the bay while trying to avoid a small boat crossing its runway.

There were no casualties.

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Neisner Strike Pressed: Rupert Henley, union steward of the United Retail & Wholesale Employees (COW) is paying Neisner pickets their weekly benefits in front of one of the stores being picketed in Detroit. The strike, called Dec. 7, is still going strong and has spread to the company's stores throughout the city.

Some Truth Published in England But Censored Here by Press

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from decency—and from humanity?"

c) About India: The paper gives the news about the Congress Party movement against war and for independence, and it prints a reader's letter which says: "If we ourselves cannot behave as democrats, our cause against Fascism is lost. Nehru must be released immediately."

Sample Question No. 4: What do the common people of England think about the Soviet Union?

Answer by Reynolds News: Among "Letters to the Editor" we find the following: a) From A.G.—"Since this war began 25,000,000 people have been taken into the Socialist family of nations, a more tangible contribution to world Socialism than we are ever likely to see from our present rulers."

b) From S.E.M.—"It is not for Russia to prove she desires friendship with Britain, but for our Government to show good will in its dealings with the Soviet. Equally, we can find no cause for complaint in Russia remaining on friendly terms with Germany. For Russia is neutral; she has a right to preserve friendly relations with any State, whether the latter is at war with Britain or not."

Storm Lashes Coast Of Brazil, Fells Houses

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 25 (UP).—Damage estimated at millions of pesos was caused last night by a furious wind and rain storm which descended on the capital and suburbs as the people were settling down to celebrate Christmas. Houses were demolished, church services were interrupted by torrential waters which also flooded the subways. All street and busline traffic was halted.

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Italians Pound British Troops At Bardia

Unofficial Truce Gives Berlin, London a Quiet Day

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An official German truce had passed without a report of a single enemy plane over Britain. There had been no report of RAF bombings of Germany since Tuesday morning.

Authoritative British quarters, however, would not confirm that there had been a Christmas truce and only the weather was given as the official reason for the Yuletide respite.

Throughout the day invasion precautions were pressed with greater vigilance than usual and air raid spotters and firemen remained at their posts.

In refusing suggestions for a Christmas truce, British quarters had pointed out that the RAF scarcely could afford to give the "invasion coast" two whole days in which troops and convoys could be massed, particularly in view of recent reports of unusual activity in and around the German-held ports across the Channel.

Londoners were not aware of the reported German promise to desist from bombing Britain as long as the RAF followed suit. They looked to the air raid shelters tonight in almost the usual numbers. The streets were almost deserted, as on every night since the start of the " blitz-stage."

The Air Ministry said, however, that German reconnaissance planes had appeared over the Orkney Islands and off the Scotch coast during the day. Fleet air arm fighters in cooperation with the RAF shot down one of the German planes over the Orkneys, capturing four of the crew, the Ministry said. This was the first time in recent months that enemy planes had been reported over the Orkneys, site of the Bospa Flow naval base.

GREEKS PRESS ON TOWARD VALONA
ATHENS, Dec. 28 (UP).—Greek Evzone warriors, pushing ahead through blinding snow storms and freezing weather, battered at retreating fascist lines tonight as they crept within 15 miles of Italy's vital Albanian base of Valona on the Adriatic coast.

The Greek forces gave up Christmas to continue their push on Valona, whose fall would give them their greatest victory thus far in the war. Unmindful of the raging snow storms and the bitter cold, the Evzones were said to have smashed on from captured Kibimara and taken three more villages and "great numbers of prisoners and war materials."

Italian troops retreating from Kibimara were said by an official Greek spokesman to be heading for the strongly but hastily-fortified 2,000-foot Logara pass, which guards the approach to Valona bay.

Reports reaching Athens said the road to Valona ahead of the Greek advance was being bombarded heavily from the sea, but whether the warships were British or Greek was not indicated.

ITALIANS RAID POINTS ON LIBYAN FRONT
ROME, Dec. 28 (UP).—Italian airplanes continued to bombard and machine-gun British mechanized units on the Libyan front, an official communiqué said today. Bad weather impeded action on the Albanian front, although an air duel occurred over the Italian-held port of Valona, the communiqué said.

The communiqué added that British planes flew over Naples shortly after noon Dec. 24, dropping small incendiary bombs and phosphorus.

The city and port of Tripoli were bombarded, the communiqué said, but it did not specify whether by airplanes or warships. Some damage was admitted.

The Churchill speech, in which the Prime Minister appealed to the Italian people to overthrow Premier Benito Mussolini, was given to the public by the official Stefani news agency, and was widely commented on in the press.

The newspapers generally assailed the speech as an insult to the Italian people.



Oil Tanks Afire in Haifa: An Italian air raid leaves blazing oil tanks in its wake in Haifa, Palestine.

Gen. Haskell, Friend of Landowners, Finds 'Mice and Men' Dangerous Film

Steinbeck's Vivid Picture of Hunger for Land Deemed Unfit for Showing at Alabama Army Post

By Art Shields

Southern plantation owners have a brass hat Yankee protector in Major William N. Haskell of New York's 27th Division, now training in Alabama.

Haskell's soldiers are meeting the young folks who live in the villages and farms near Fort McClellan. They meet the sons and daughters of the sharecroppers and tenant farmers who till the landlords' land and have no land of their own.

In this situation General Haskell is determined not to let his dough-boys get any dangerous thoughts about land—thoughts they would discuss with the young people they dance with and chat with.

The Alabama landlords wouldn't like it and the aristocratic General Haskell is the last man to want to hurt their feelings.

With this background it's easy to understand why General Haskell rattled the saber of military authority Christmas Eve and forbade the post theatre to give its scheduled performance of "Mice and Men," the film based on John Steinbeck's novel by that name.

BOOKED BY ARMY
Steinbeck's famous story of landless farm laborers, shuffling for land of their own, had been shown in the civilian theatres of almost every city of the country.

It had even been booked by the United States Army's motion picture service in the Adjutant General's office in Washington, for the use of post theatres.

But under military government a single brass hat becomes the political and cultural censor of the thousands of men under his regime. An army major general takes over some of the functions of Dr. Goebbels.

The New York Major General didn't bother to give his real reasons for upsetting the Christmas Eve schedule of film entertainment. He said that "it wasn't the sort of thing to show to the boys on Christmas Eve."

Haskell lamely added that his chaplains didn't like the picture either. And that's all he added, for an army post commander doesn't need to explain his actions to civilian reporters.

Light on the general's motives, however, is obtained very easily at the cost of 30 cents, the price of the Steinbeck novel, which the film follows fairly closely.

DANGEROUS THOUGHT
"Mice and Men," from beginning to end, is a story of land hunger. From beginning to end, the landless farm laborers Steinbeck met in the Salinas Valley are expressing their hunger for ranches of their own.

George, for instance, on page 71, is voicing his dream to Slim, the jerkline skinner—

"I'd have my own place," he said, "and I'd be bringin' in my own crops, 'stead of doin' all the work and not gettin' what comes out of the ground."

Or listen to Candy, the crippled old swamper, who cleans up the bunkhouses—

"Everybody wants a little bit of land, not much. Jus' som'thin' that was his. Som'thin' he could live on and there couldn't be nobody throw him off of it. I never had none. I planted crops for damn near everybody in this state, but they wasn't my crops, and when I harvested 'em it wasn't none of my harvest."

There's lots of this stuff. That's

the story, in fact. The bundle of sticks, slumping together in the landlord's bunkhouse, are aching for land in every fiber of their being.

The real tragedy of "Mice and Men" is not Lennie's death, but the death of the workers' hopes for land of their own.

Censors have had difficulty in killing such pictures in civilian America. Civilian mass pressure has often been able to defeat such moves.

But army rule is a very different thing. Army rule, which the Roosevelt Administration is trying to bring into various civilian government organizations through executive orders selected from the ranks of Army officers, hates and fears what is left of "democratic culture in America."

If any one doubts this let him turn to the Army Training Manual, No. 2000-25, for the years 1926-1932.

150 Died in Christmas Accidents

109 Killed in Traffic Collisions Through Country

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Four Zion, Ill., high school students were killed when their automobile left the highway and burst into flames as they were en route to Kenosha, Wis., to sing Christmas carols at a church celebration.

Texas led the states with 16

Easter Weather Is X-mas Gift

With a high of 38 degrees at 3 P. M., New York yesterday had the warmest Christmas day since 1932. The record, according to the U. S. Weather Bureau, was set Christmas Day, 1889, with 85 degrees. Light rain and warmer for today was predicted.

deaths, 10 of them on the highways. New York had 15 fatalities, Maryland 11, New Jersey 10 and Pennsylvania 9.

Gunmen Raid Beauty Shop; Rob 6 Women

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 26 (UP).—Christmas lost some of its merriment today for six women who were victimized of \$100 by two gunmen in a beauty parlor holdup.

The bandits invaded the beauty shop late yesterday. While one herded the women into a corner, the other collected their purses and emptied a cash drawer.

New Italian Line For Danube Shipping

ROME, Dec. 26 (UP).—Italy has formed a new shipping organization which will be known as "the Italian Company for Danube Navigation" and which will be part of a plan further to increase Italian commerce in the Balkans, it was announced today.

At the same time, it was announced that Italy also is forming three other companies for exploitation of Danube River traffic.

Canadian Army Corp Set Up in United Kingdom

OTTAWA, Dec. 25 (UP).—Formation of a Canadian Army Corps in the United Kingdom, under command of Lt.-Gen. A. G. L. MacNaughton, was announced tonight by Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King.

Formation of such a corps was referred to by the Prime Minister as the first fruit of the current visit to the United Kingdom of Col. J. L. Ralston, Minister of National Defense.

Nicaragua Ships Much Gold to U.S.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Dec. 25 (UP).—More than \$6,000,000 of mined gold has been exported to the United States in the past 11 months.

Officials expect next year's production to be twice that amount.

F.D.R., Jr., Gets Job With Law Firm in Wall Street

Another son of President Roosevelt, this time Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., obtained a soft spot.

He was placed by the noted Wall St. law firm of Wright, Gordon, Zachary and Parlin of 63 Wall St.

"I merely went in to their employment department and asked for

a job. They put me through the regular questions. Then decided to take me on," is how F.D.R., Jr. put it.

Elliot Roosevelt, who became a captain in the army in a somewhat the same manner, still holds that soft spot, despite the nationwide storm of protest.

Sunday after debarking 523 Frenchmen at Casablanca, The Mousinho, which arrived Monday, carried 398 demobilized sailors from Martinique to the Moroccan port.

2 Die, Pilot Hurt As Plane Crashes

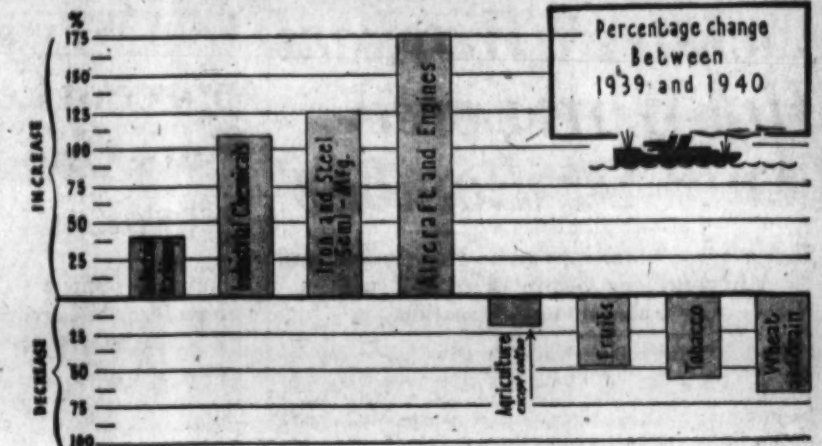
YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, Dec. 25 (UP).—Two passengers in a private plane were killed and the pilot was seriously injured in a crash at the Municipal Airport here today.

The dead were John Henry Fox and Eugene C. Kellucky, both of Youngstown. The pilot, Alec Rossi, also of Youngstown, was reported in critical condition.

French Troops Moved From Martinique

LISBON, Dec. 25 (UP).—Two Portuguese liners arrived here during the week-end after transporting 621 French officers and sailors from Martinique to Casablanca.

The Serpa Pinto returned to port



More for War, Less for People: This chart from Economic Outlook, shows the changing character of American exports. "Non-military" items show a sharp decline while material for Europe's war machines climb.

Recall Churchill's Praise of Fascists As He Poses Now as a Liberator

Italian Woman Editor Here Says People Must Take Matters Into Their Own Hands

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greeted by every pro-English Italian in the United States," she said, "but it's no more anti-fascist than Hitler's speeches. It's an appeal not to the Italian people to overthrow their oppressors but to Italian capital whose economic interests are injured by Mussolini's pro-Axis policy."

NO REVOLUTIONIST

The editor smiled. "No, Churchill is anything but an instrument of revolution."

"The very concentration on 'one man and one man alone' in Churchill's speech proves the hollowness of his pretense to be a friend of Italian freedom. Would it benefit the Italian masses any to exchange Mussolini for another fascist leader, one who would sacrifice its sons to the interests of British imperialism as against German imperialism?"

Miss Testa replied thoughtfully. "What kind of a friend of Italian liberation is it that says nothing about the living standards of the Italian masses or their rights?"

What kind of a friend of the Italian people is he who talks over the heads of the Italian people to a decayed monarchy?"

There is undoubtedly some basis for Churchill's strategy, Miss Testa explained. Sections of the Italian ruling class and particularly the army are becoming alarmed at the increasing infiltration into Italy of Nazi soldiers and officers in the guise of "military experts." There is also considerable criticism of the regime for the African and Greek debacles.

BRITAIN NEVER SELFLESS

Announcement of the recent shooting of so-called English spies must be accepted with considerable reserve, she added. "There is reason to believe that these were actually persons active in the anti-war movement."

What about Churchill's claim of traditional English support for Italian democratic movements, particularly in the nineteenth century?

"The British cabinet never did a selfless thing in all the history of England," she replied. "Any scholar worth his salt will tell you that various British governments 'admirer' Mussolini and supported Caesar solely because it was playing its old balance-of-power game on the European continent—counterpoising rising Italy to its historic enemies, France and the Austrian empire."

"In fact, it was a rather unfortunate matter for Churchill to bring up. Too many students of Italian history will understand more clearly now that Churchill and the London banking crowd are no more interested in the basic freedoms of the Italian people than the Nazis are. All Churchill wants is for Italy to change partners in the present imperialist slaughter—instead of dancing the cotillion of death with Hitler, to dance with him, Churchill."

PRASED FASCISTS

Churchill a friend of freedom? Miss Testa smiled faintly and pushed a neatly typed quotation across the table:

"If I had been an Italian, I am sure I should have been entirely with you from the beginning to the end of your victorious struggle against the bestial appetites and passions of Leninism."

—Winston Churchill in Address to Roman Fascists, January, 1927. —Quoted in Salvemini's, THE FASCIST DICTATORSHIP, p. 20.

The young writer's eyes blazed. "Does that read like the speech of a friend of Italian democracy? Is that the man whom Italians and Italian-Americans should trust? Is that the kind of leader to whom the Italian mothers should give their sons? Is he one whit better than Italy's own Savduti Caesar?"

The whole history of the relationship of English and Italian imperialism is one of mutual support

against the working and colonial peoples of the world, she continued. In 1923 shortly after Mussolini had scarcely completed his coup d'état, the British king ostentatiously honored him with the Order of the Grand Commander of the Bath.

During the Ethiopian situation the British government offered to place no obstacles in the way of Italian conquest of the Negro nation just so long as British interests in the Lake Tana region were not jeopardized.

AIDED IN SPAIN

During the long struggle in Spain the English government helped Italian and German fascism strangle the Republic through the British-led non-intervention committee, she went on. At that time the English rulers knew well enough that Italian imperialism was developing new positions for itself in Spain.

The City of London not only advanced generous loans to Italian fascism but the British government never pressed the war debt question during the period of fascism's greatest shakiness. As of March 31, 1932, Italy owed England about \$63,000,000 pounds; up to June 30, 1932, England had only collected about 19,500,000 pounds, approximately seven per cent of the total.

So close were the financial connections that for a long time Mussolini kept in London an emissary of Italian finance, Count Giuseppe Volpi di Misurata, member of the Fascist Council, former minister of finance and president of the Fascist Confederation of Industrialists.

"What is the reaction of the Italian colony in New York to the speech?"

"Mixed. The pro-English Italian crowd, which is anxious to line up behind the British empire, people like Lieutenant Governor Charles Poletti, Judge John J. Freochi and some of the emigre crowd who never had any faith in the Italian people are overjoyed. They see in Churchill's speech another argument for support of British imperialism as against the Mussolini brand."

And what about Giuseppe Pope, pro-fascist publisher and Tammany power?

"That's a curious one," Miss Testa answered. "Pope published the full text of the speech, perhaps because he knew many Italian-Americans would learn of its contents, anyway, or perhaps because he's playing safe, not sure which way the cat will jump. Besides, he's trying to prove that his papers are not as

pro-Fascist as some of his enemies make them out to be. Two days after the speech, however, they editorialized on it briefly, pointing out that Churchill was trying to separate the Italian people from Benito Mussolini but that he wouldn't succeed."

"Most of the Italian-Americans received Churchill on the whole skeptically. Far from winning them for his position, his speech has played into the hands of the pro-fascist crowd, which is seeking to cement closer ties to Benito Mussolini among advanced Italian-Americans the feeling is growing that the choice is neither Mussolini nor Churchill, but that the Italian people must take their fate in their own strong hands, against Mussolini and against Churchill, too."

American Artists School Offers Scholarships to Trade Union Members

The American Artists School, in order to stimulate a practical interest in cultural activity among trade unions, is pleased to announce the establishment of four free scholarships, the winners to be determined by a contest of work submitted to the school.

A scholarship entitles the winner to attend one of the school's regular classes for one full year. Only Trade Union members are eligible. Members of United American Artists, Advertising Guild, or any union of professional artists will not be eligible. No previous art training is necessary for participation in the competition.

Union members wishing to compete should send for an entrance blank. These blanks to be returned to the school, along with six pieces of submitted work, before Jan. 15, 1941.

Bedridden, Kills Self

Edgar Anthony, 83, a retired clothier who had been bedridden for two months, committed suicide at noon yesterday in his apartment at 1049 Park Ave., according to police, by shooting himself through the head.

Light Quake at Helena

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 25.—A light earthquake at 8:30 A. M. shook the decorations on Christmas trees today but caused no damage.

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Alabama 'Battlefront': The hideous side of war is illustrated by this telephoto view of a "battlefield" while a barrage was laid down by 77 mm. guns and 155 mm. howitzers using high explosive shells. No part of the ground escaped from the bursting shells. The photo was taken at Ft. McClellan, Ala.

Coast Parley Will Hit War Loans, Anti-Strike Bills

Washington Commonwealth Federation Invites All Progressive Groups to Attend Peoples Legislative Conference

By Ellen McGrath
(Special to the Daily Worker)

SEATTLE, Dec. 25.—Anti-strike bills and plots for war loans will be the main targets of the Washington Commonwealth Federation at its eighth annual convention called for Saturday, Feb. 15, at Moose Temple in this city.

The Federation invited all progressive groups to join with it in sponsoring a People's Legislative Conference to be held Sunday, Feb. 16, as part of the convention.

President Hugh DeLacy declared the common people have a vital stake in what happens when Congress convenes in the national capital and the state legislatures assemble in Olympia, Wash., January, 1941.

"Bills to crush labor are ready for introduction into the legislatures of every state in the union. With Congressional sanction the U. S. government continues to award profitable contracts to corporations violating federal labor laws. Congressional committees are studying how to use the draft, already in force, and the U. S. employment service, already set up, to thrust upon American farmers and workers a system of forced labor, which—once established—will destroy the foundation of American democracy," the convention call, signed by President Hugh DeLacy, declared.

ASSAULTS WAR DRIVE

"Doing nothing for the farmer, whose markets have disappeared because of war abroad and poverty at home; indifferent to the claim of the aged for pensions, youth for opportunity, schools for adequate financing; disregarding the unemployed and millions in southern pull-tax states who are denied the right to vote; and preparing to cut all non-military expenditures to the bone, many of our lawmakers and statesmen are hysterically supporting the very acts and policies which forced America into the last world war."

Grave danger exists during coming legislative sessions that in the name of national defense against Hitlerism, DeLacy declared sardonically, that powerful, anti-democratic interests ruling American finance, industry and munitions will deprive the people of all protective legislation, nullify our democratic institutions, militarize and Hitlerize our country—and drive us into war.

Emphatically declaring the common people must not permit scuttling of present gains and stifling of democracy, the WCF prepared to pool its strength with other groups to fulfill the needs of the American people.

"To defend labor's right to organize, bargain collectively, strike and picket . . . to aid the farmer's fight for cost-of-production and public ownership of power . . . to see that \$40 pensions are paid in full under the liberal conditions enacted by Initiative 141 . . . to strengthen the demand of youth and the unemployed for opportunity and security . . . to press enactment of promised New Deal health and housing programs, both for civilian low income



Readers of the Household Corner are sure to be interested in the doings of Mrs. Emily Post, the specialist, in how to eat prunes (not how to cook them). The following letter throws a new and dazzling light on the lady and some of her friends:

"Dear Household Corner:

"It was ladies' day at an afternoon session of the National Association of Manufacturers last week. The following touching scene took place in the grand ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria (a far cry from your kitchen and mine). Among the ladies participating at the great event were Mrs. Emily Post, the lady who discovered the use of the fork in eating green peas, Mrs. Margaret Calkin Banning and Mrs. Harold Milligan of the fascist National Council of Women. The president of the National Biscuit Company was also present, but whether or not he served biscuits was not mentioned in the newspaper accounts.

"Mrs. Milligan, who not long ago went ga-ga on the subject of Fifth Columnists, said who, in her own ladylike way, sponsors vigilante methods to check the working class, presided.

"Declared the Banning lady, 'Some release will have to be found for the emotional drive American women are experiencing on the subject of National Defense and for which up to now they have had no outlet. It's almost frightening,' she said, 'the way women are getting worked up. All of this emotion must be used or it will be harmful. It will turn into fear and hysteria.' "Another lady added, 'I don't

Gun-Waving Spree of Cop Puts One in Hospital

Drunken Officer Uses Revolver to Terrorize Neighborhood

DETROIT, Dec. 25 (UP).—A Detroit policeman under the influence of liquor today shot a pedestrian after terrorizing a neighborhood for more than an hour with his service revolver and a blackjack.

The patrolman was Thomas Urquhart, 31, and the victim was Alexander Rudy, 53, a restaurant dishwasher who was going home when Urquhart opened fire at a busy downtown intersection. One bullet struck Rudy below the heart. Attendants at Receiving Hospital said he was in critical condition.

Urquhart was taken into custody and stripped of his badge at police headquarters. An official said he still was too intoxicated to be questioned. Last March Urquhart was suspended 10 days for driving an automobile while in uniform and under influence of liquor.

Spectators said Urquhart had threatened pedestrians with his gun and blackjack and was making a boy do a jig by aiming the weapon at his legs when Rudy walked past. A witness, Marvin Hopper, a WPA worker, said he believed the policeman was aiming at him (Hopper) when he opened fire. Hopper said he had hid behind a car while bullets whistled past, some landing against a theater a block away.

Other witnesses said Urquhart had poked them with his gun and stopped several motorists, threatening to shoot them.

Chicago's North Side Honors Ford Birthday

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, Dec. 25. — A large testimonial banquet on Chicago's North Side yesterday, held in honor of the birthday of James W. Ford, paid a stirring tribute to the Negro Communist leader and pledged "to intensify our work toward a people's solution to the problem of imperialism and its wars."

Greetings were sent by the gathering to Ford through the National Committee of the Communist Party. Made up of Communist and non-party people, including many leading trade unionists, the banquet was sponsored by the 48th Ward branch of the Communist Party.

Among the speakers at the banquet were William Patterson, Negro Communist leader, Alfred Wagenknecht, Cook County secretary of the Communist Party, and Sam Hammermark, veteran of 40 years in the labor movement.

Weather Bureau Sees Northeast Storms

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 (UP).—The Weather Bureau today ordered northeast storm warnings from the Delaware breakwater to Cape Hatteras.

"A disturbance of slight intensity on the South Carolina coast will move northeastward with increasing intensity and cause increasing northeast to east winds," the Bureau said, "becoming strong this afternoon between the Virginia capes and Cape Hatteras."

The Bureau said the disturbance would reach gale force early to night off the Virginia capes and Delaware breakwater.

Groups and for guardmen and drafts sent into army tents in winter weather without adequate safeguards . . . to demand the end of taxation upon necessities of life while the states' centralized wealth goes free . . . to work out a program of national defense which first defends the interests and well being of the American people . . . to provide a means through which young and old, farmers and workers and small business men may promote common legislative interests . . . to insist that America keep out of the present war."

These are the pledges of the coordinating agency for progressives in Washington State—trail blazers of the path to peace.

Wheeler Says Aid to Britain Evades Law

Declares Majority of People Are Opposed to War Loans

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ington yesterday after a western vacation, said he believed in aiding Britain "within certain limits and within our statutes." But he added:

"I think if Wendell L. Wilkie had taken a courageous attitude at the outset of his campaign that he was going to keep us out of war and had not kept harping on the subject of British aid, there might have been a different story last November."

Wheeler told his interviewers that "if the officers of the government, high or low, set an example by evading the laws, we shouldn't complain if there is a wholesale breakdown of law and order in this country."

"In my judgment," he said, "before we give any more aid or become further involved, the President ought to make a determined effort to bring the warring factions together and insist on a just peace. In my opinion, this government of ours could force peace in Europe at this time."

"PEACE POSSIBLE NOW"

The Montanan said that "the American people have a right to know what our foreign policy is before we give any more help to Britain."

"Is it going to be to lease property and munitions to every country that we may say is attacked by an aggressor?" he asked. "And we ought to ask ourselves where such a foreign policy will lead us and where it has led Great Britain."

"If we give Britain all aid and she should win this war, what kind of a peace is she going to ask? Will it be another Versailles?"

Wheeler added that it is his belief that "peace could be brought about at this time if a sincere effort is made."

"We want to see the small countries in Europe re-established," he said, "but we recognize the fact that there must be a breaking down of the economic barriers in Europe so the people can survive economically."

Broker in Court In Girl Stabbing

Isaac Brown, 41, of 49 Grove St., Manhattan, insurance broker, is to be given a hearing at 10 A. M. today in Mount Vernon City Court in connection with the stabbing of Matilda LeBeyrer, 17, of 215 W. 92nd St., last Thursday. Miss LeBeyrer, recovering in Mount Vernon Hospital, accused Brown of tying her with rope, stabbing her 13 times in the neck, and leaving her in a Mount Vernon parking lot. Brown is now free on \$10,000 bail.

SNAKE IN THE GRASS



By Federated Press

ALP PROGRESSIVES ADOPT PROGRAM FOR PEACE, JOBS

Start Drive on Political Patronage, Seek County Reform

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pled, and other vital matters confront the American people with serious problems," declared Legislative Chairman Stern.

"Never before in the history of our country has the general welfare of the people been so menaced by native profiteers and war instigators who seek to establish fascism here. Our nation's democracy will be protected and advanced by putting into action a program such as we submit. We are confident that both our program and activities will find much favor and support among the people."

PLAN CONFERENCE

The progressive Laborites plan to hold a broad New York State legislative conference, following the regional conferences, to bring together "as many forces in the state as possible to further the objectives of the committee."

"The legislative committee will play an active role during the session of the legislature repelling any program of attack upon civil liberties and the rights of labor, upon minorities," said a joint statement of the committee leaders. "We intend to carry on this battle, not only in Albany, but right in the home districts of the legislative representatives."

"County reform with its much-needed abolition of useless jobs (major party patronage) in New York City, has been twice thwarted in the past, when the petitions to get the question on the ballot for a referendum by the voters of the city were invalidated on two occasions. The Progressive Committee to Rebuild the American Labor Party will assume leadership in the fight this City can rest assured that in 1941 they will have an opportunity to cast an overwhelming vote for county reform in the November election and achieve the objective so long barred by political machines anxious to keep useless jobs filled."

Steps will be taken, the committee said, to make certain the petitions for the county reform will be valid and the question will be placed on the ballot.

"The Progressive Legislature Committee shall fill a need long felt both by the A. L. P. membership and the general public," the joint statement declared. "We are most gratified in having brought together so able and representative a body of public-spirited men and women to devote themselves to the important functions of this committee."

SEEK PR FOR STATE

Mr. Stern said that in addition to the county reform program, the committee is also considering the submission of legislation to elect state assemblymen and senators by proportional representation. This would enable minority parties to secure representation denied them through the existing archaic system of political gerrymandering.

Also, for early introduction into the state legislature, the committee is preparing legislation requiring the state government and its subdivision and municipalities to enter into collective bargaining agreements with all government employees, and bills to outlaw "one-man star chamber proceedings" such as the Rapp-Coudert Committee and the New York City Council committee investigating the Civil Service Commission, as well as to prohibit attempts to destroy labor organizations by means of setting membership lists.

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The committee, Mr. Stern said, is preparing various City Council items. He said the program adopted by the legislative committee came broadly within five categories:

COMMITTEE PROGRAM

1. Keep America out of war.

2. Protect and extend the rights of labor to organize and act in its own behalf.

3. Extend the benefits of social security to all and enact social legislation for labor, the unemployed, the youth, the aged and the farm population.

4. Protect our civil liberties and small business people from monopoly.

5. Establish real equality and unity among our people by eliminating racial, alien and minority discrimination; by passage of the anti-lynching and anti-poll tax legislation.

Mr. Stern said the committee was greatly concerned with attacks upon labor and civil liberties of the people, which, he charged, were taking place under cover of the "defense program."

The committee is also preparing to act on the matter of impartial and honest administration of the selective draft act and granting of draft deferments.

Included in the legislative committee are: Representative Vito

Marcantonio, Assemblyman-elect J. Eugene Zimmer of Troy, State Senator-elect H. O. Cabanacio of Manhattan, James M. Kieran, former secretary to Mayor LaGuardia; Irving Schnurman, president of Painters District Council No. 6; Elmer Brown, President of Typographical Union No. 6; Dr. Bella Dodd, legislative representative of Teachers' Union Local 8; George Curran, field representative of the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians; Dr. Charles Munciacato.

Also Dr. Max Yergan and Hope R. Stevens of the National Negro Congress; Nathan Sidman and Morris Zuckman, A. L. P. chairman of the National Lawyers' Guild on social legislation; Joseph Selly, president of the American Communications Association; Sam Wiseman, secretary of the New York Workers' Alliance; Alden Whitman of the New York Committee for Protection of Foreign Born; Dave Green, of the International Workers' Order; Donald Schoolman, secretary of the City Wide Tenants' Council.

He Gets a Horse To Match His Boots

FALMOUTH, Mass., Dec. 25 (UP).—Kelvin Baker's riding breeches and boots have been the sartorial delight of the Camp Edwards construction project.

For a Christmas gift, fellow employees gave him a 15-year-old swayed-back horse and a second hand saddle, total value \$15.

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'America First,' White Committees Alike Under Skin

Both for a Yankee Imperialism, Headed by Wall Streeters, Differ Only in Certain Practical Steps to Achieve Aim

By Carl Harris
(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—American imperialism is at work in the Middle West, twisting the people's slogans for peace into a movement for Yankee imperialist tyranny at home and abroad.

Most virulent among the "committees" which has mushroomed out in Chicago in the "America First" Committee, whose parentage is the ultra-reactionary Chicago Tribune and Henry Ford, labor's enemy number 1.

From its offices in the Chicago Board of Trade, the "America First" Committee is flooding the Middle West and the nation with artful jingoism, its poisonous nature masked under the motto of peace. Actually, its policy can be summed up as "American imperialism first."

The program of the Henry Ford-Chicago Tribune organization is three-fold:

1. Appeasement and friendship to fascism with the prospect of an American grab in the war settlement.

2. Yankee domination of Latin America, with the "reorganization and proper development of Mexico" toward a program of unchecked imperialist exploitation.

3. Preparation for a last-ditch struggle for the preservation of capitalism in America and abroad.

TWO ARE LINKED

The "America First" Committee, like its brother committee, the William Allen White group, is for American armament to the teeth.

The two committees taken together present a cross section of Wall Street policy. Both groups even have what amounts to "interlocking directorates" and General Robert E. Wood, chairman of the "America First" outfit, who is president of Sears, Roebuck & Co., declared recently that he has a brother-in-law on the White committee!

The roster of Big Business anti-labor promoters of the Henry Ford group is equalled only by the Wall Street sponsors of the White Committee. In spite of the window dressing of professors and doctors in both groups, the two committees have been equally spawned by the top crust of Wall Street.

In fact, the staged "hostility" between the two groups, has now given way to a movement for "unity" on the basis of a common war program. In a front page editorial last Friday, Secretary of War Frank Knox's Chicago Daily News, organ for the White Committee, called for joint action between the two committees, declaring:

"In what do they differ? In nothing so far as we can ascertain, save the manner and degree of our aid to Britain."

BOTH HATE PEOPLE

Both committees see eye-to-eye in their hatred of the people and their fear of a people's solution to the problem of imperialist war. This is expressed in the "anti-communist" protestations of both committees for whom the spectre of Socialism is the factor which gives pause to their rabid war lust.

This fear was voiced by Gen. Wood when he declared: "Competent observers believe that if the war is prolonged in Europe over one or two years, it will result in the communism all over Europe. . . . If we are involved, it probably spells the end of capitalism all over the world."

Here is the key to the false "peace" slogans, the root of the appeasement policy, which is aimed at the re-consolidation of imperialism after the war, a "negotiated" imperialist peace, in which the people will have no voice.

The "America First" Committee states openly its envy of the British Empire and calls for an American policy as "coldly realistic" as that of Britain, in order to win Yankee hegemony over the world.

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Two Negro Women Burn To Death in B'klyn Fire

Two Negro women were burned to death, and six other persons were injured, four seriously, early yesterday when an oil heater exploded in the living room of a Brooklyn apartment at 547 Warren St.

Police said the explosion occurred after a Christmas Eve party at the home of Mrs. Babina Angaller, 38, who with Isabel Colon, 40, was burned to death. Authorities said both were Negroes from Puerto Rico.

Among the victims taken to nearby hospitals were Mrs. Angaller's husband, Enrico, 50. All the injured were Negroes, police said.

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The 'War for Democracy' In Canada

You do not have to look across the ocean to what is happening in England, in order to know that the British Empire is no more waging a war for "democracy" than is Hitler. Just examine what is happening across our northern border in Canada.

A veritable reign of terror has been launched against militant trade unionists who have refused to share the cringing attitude of many of their top leaders.

In Windsor, 46 Chrysler workers have been convicted for picketing the plant after they had been locked out for demanding seniority rights promised them a long time ago. These Chrysler workers have been greatly encouraged by the financial help and the protests against their arrests from their fellow UAW members in Detroit.

But this is only part of the story. Pat Sullivan, president of the Canadian Seamen's Union (AFL) was seized by the Mounties an hour before he was to appear before a conciliation board to present the seamen's case for a wage increase. He was rushed off to a concentration camp without charge or trial.

Dozens of other active unions, including several officials of international unions, have been thrown into concentration camps. Sidney Sarkin, manager of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers in Montreal; Fred Collins, member of the Executive of the Toronto Trades and Labor Council and until recently Canadian vice-president of the International Furniture Workers Union; Bruce Magnusson, secretary of the Port Arthur Trades and Labor Council and organizer of the Lumber Workers Union (AFL); Charles Murray, Atlantic Coast district organizer of the Canadian Seamen's Union, and scores of others have been seized in the small hours of the morning and spirited away.

The American labor movement could well follow the example of the Detroit auto workers and extend a hand of solidarity to their brothers now being persecuted by the war government of Canada for trying to better the conditions of the workers.

Neither Side Can Stabilize the World

The developments in France demonstrate that the "new order" of the Axis powers is no more capable of solving the difficulties of the people or of "organizing Europe" than the hypocritical war aims of the so-called "democratic" imperialists.

Within the limits of their unity, the Axis belligerents are torn with inner contradictions even as British and American imperialism. Flandin, Laval, Petain and Weygand—everyone of them representatives of the 200 monopoly families—are all fascists. But the replacement of Laval by Flandin was an evidence of the inner contradictions within the Axis. For it created a stir in Berlin (though apparently none in Rome), and it showed the difficulty Hitler is experiencing in trying to bring France completely under his heel.

Hitler and Mussolini are fighting with each other and with the 200 families over a division of French loot. But that does not keep them from jointly trying to drag bleeding France once more into the imperialist fray on the Axis side.

At the same time, British and American imperialism are united in a common effort to bring France into the imperialist war on their side. The Roosevelt Administration—which pretends to eschew all things fascist and to "defend" all things democratic—finds no difficulty in trying to bring such fascists as Franco, and the Petain regime into its so-called "crusade for democracy." The Administration's dickering with Weygand, its Col. Donovan mission to the Petain regime, its tremendous fanfare over the new Ambassador to France Admiral Leahy—all are for the purpose of bringing the fascists into the Allied "democratic" camp.

These inner contradictions and inner corruptions within the two belligerent camps with regard to France, are another striking example of the imperialist character of the war. The major distinctions between the imperialists—fascist and "democratic"—have broken down. In this, the deepest of all capitalist crises, either belligerent side would

be satisfied with fascism in France or in any other country, if only that country can be drawn into the imperialist war to win colonial and market supremacy for rival monopolists.

The "democratic" imperialists—whose victory in the last imperialist war is responsible for the bloody mess the world is in today—can no more stabilize or organize the world than the "Axis order." We see now the travail of the French people, following the action of their "democratic" leaders in embroiling them into this needless war. This should serve as powerful warning to the American people.

For it is only in the proportion that the people of France and in every capitalist land determine their own fate, free of all imperialists, that they can rid themselves permanently of the endless rounds of wars, slavery and hunger upon which imperialism thrives.

The 'Lag' in the 'Defense' Program

Press reports that a lack of aluminum is cutting airplane production again demonstrate that the fraud behind the attempts to speed up labor in the name of "national defense."

A high-pressure propaganda campaign, headed by William S. Knudsen, has been waged in recent days to the effect that the "defense" program is "lagging" and that labor therefore must work longer and harder.

The slowing up of plane production due to the shortage of aluminum (the Mellon aluminum monopoly has always maintained a policy of curtailment in order to keep up high prices) shows that if there is any truth to the story of a "lag," it is the responsibility of the capitalists themselves. Furthermore, since the whole "defense" program is calculated to drag the country into the war, it is not the "lag" so much as the program itself which is endangering the security and peace of the country.

There are at least 9,000,000 unemployed in the United States—with undoubtedly more skilled unemployed workers than in any other country. The productivity of the American worker is likewise the highest of any worker in the world. In view of these facts, it becomes clear that all pleas for longer hours and faster work are concocted in order to achieve the breakdown of labor standards which the open-shoppers were not able to achieve in peacetime.

Indistinguishable From the War Parties

The Social-Democrats are as zealous in putting the burdens of the "defense-economy" on the people as they are in trying to drag this country into the imperialist war.

Harry W. Laidler, associate of Norman Thomas, and Salvatore Ninno, reactionary Laborites, voted for Mayor LaGuardia's war-economy budget in the City Council and made it unanimous. This—the capital outlay budget for 1941—scraps proposed new education, hospital and other social projects so badly needed at this moment by the common people of New York.

The two Social-Democratic councilmen issued a touching statement "deeply regretting" that the budget did not contain "strongly needed" projects, but nevertheless endorsing this Tammany program.

Not once did Laidler and Ninno put up any fight for social measures to be included in the budget, but instead have become indistinguishable from the Tammany-Republican war coalition. This shows how essential it is for labor and the people to rely upon their own independent political action free from both Wall Street's parties and their Social-Democratic puppets.

Little Lefty

Now that del's famous creation Little Lefty has taken to satirizing the news of the day, this comic strip on Page 8 is more enjoyable and spritely than ever. We warmly recommend "Little Lefty's Cartoonews" to our readers.

Mayor's Anti-Gambling Order a Dud

Mayor LaGuardia's declaration of "war" yesterday on "respectable" gamblers and gambling joints was quixotic, to say the least.

Only the most gullible New Yorkers will believe a curb will be placed on the professional gambling racket by listing with Dun and Bradstreet names of all "responsible" persons picked up in gambling joints.

For, indeed, Dun and Bradstreet are publishers of the Wall St. tip sheet which has long listed the nation's biggest professional gamblers, such as J. P. Morgan, Tom Girdler and Ernest T. Weir, gamblers in war credits and the lives of people.

A few small-time tinhorns may get kicked around as the result of the Mayor's order, but big-time gambling will continue unabated right under LaGuardia's nose.

The Parachute Trooper

--by Gropper



Continental Activity in Defense of Prestes, Brazil's 'Knight of Hope'

By Dionisio Encina
 General Secretary of the Communist Party of Mexico
 (Special to the Daily Worker)

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 25. — The biography of Luis Carlos Prestes is the brilliant and amazing story of a great fighter against imperialism. The ferocious persecution organized against him by Public Enemy No. 1 of the Brazilian people, Getulio Vargas, is directed towards physically liquidating the best-loved leader of the Brazilian masses, and the man who best represents the aspirations of the peoples of the Americas towards liberty, independence and better living conditions.

The second trial, thought up, as was the first, in Vargas police stations, ended in one day—the 7th of November (!)—and the sentence of thirty years' imprisonment was ratified twenty days later. In this mock-trial, where there were no rights of defense, Luis Carlos Prestes was sentenced to a monstrous term for a common crime committed by the police. This was the murder of Elsa Fernandez, wife of a member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Brazil. Sacco and Vanzetti were also electrocuted for a common crime which they never committed. The Nazi regime wished to behead George Dimitroff for the Reichstag fire, organized by the minions of Goering and Hitler. And Vargas is a wonderful pupil of Wall Street and Berlin.

By means of this trial it was hoped to terrorize the revolutionary movement in Brazil, which in spite of its illegality, torture, the bloody dictatorship develops and increases daily, rocking the feet of clay of the most tyrannous and scandalous regime which exists on our continent.

At the same time it was hoped that the steadfast revolutionary honor and valor of the "Knight of Hope" would be stained and soiled by accusing him of a common crime. In this way it was expected to quench the great love and affection which he enjoys not only in his country, but throughout the Continent and the entire world.

MAN AND DWARFS

In the second trial, Luis Carlos Prestes was brought in by four of Vargas' hirelings. The courtroom was full of people and gendarmes and secret police. The judges expected to find a man doubled-up by his prison-hell, his spirit broken and deformed by physical and moral torture.

For five years the "Knight of Hope" had lived in a cell built for him—a bitter gift from Vargas—without contact with the outside world, subjected to a regime of solitary confinement, buried in a tomb in a tropical country.

Luis Carlos Prestes, on his exit from the tomb, appeared even more firm and steadfast, his eyes filled with faith, manhood and courage.

Ignoring the horrible accusation, he proudly looked his oppressors in the face and transformed the Court of National Safety into a revolutionary court.

"I wish to take advantage of the opportunity granted me by the members of this court, to pay homage to this day, one of the greatest known to history, for it is the 23rd anniversary of the great Russian Revolution, which liberated a people from tyranny. . . . The cry of rage from the oppressors drowned the last words."

HAILED BY PEOPLE

"Long live the 'Knight of Hope,' the people replied through a brave woman present in the courtroom, who was immediately arrested. It was Dimitroff's example repeated in a country whose dictatorship has no reason to envy the Nazi regime."

Behind Luis Carlos Prestes were the peoples of America, the millions of underdogs who struggle against war and slavery.

"This sentence frees me from the last elements of pride or vanity which I possessed, and definitely launches me on the immense sea of the most humble and dispossessed. And that, sincerely, does not displease me," the son wrote his mother.

It is an exaggerated modesty which is touching. For Luis Carlos Prestes, in prison, always wanted to be treated as were the rest. He refused any kind of privilege or facility which was not granted to his prison companions. Thaelmann, the great leader of the German proletariat, did the same.

OUR STRUGGLE AND DUTY

The struggle for the liberation of Prestes and his companions is a task for the whole continental anti-imperialist movement. The continental activity in favor of this comrade is a thermometer of our political sensitivity, of our internationalism, of our solidarity, which are so lacking in our movements.

Are we capable of carrying out a great movement? Certainly. In the United States, in Cuba, in Mexico, in Costa Rica, in Colombia, in Peru, in Chile, in Argentina, in Uruguay, there are possibilities which do not exist in any other capitalist countries in the world. In the Balkans, in France, England and its colonies and dominions, movements of solidarity mean prison, torture, often death. And yet over there, there is solidarity, and much of it.

We can talk, write, agitate, organize meetings and demonstrations. We can bring up problems in trade-union meetings, in political women's, youth, sport or cultural reunions. We can demand the intervention of our governments against dictator Vargas. We can raise the matter, as in Mexico, in our Parliaments. We can mobi-

lize the lawyers so that they will expose the monstrous legal procedure of the Tribunal of National Safety, and the intellectuals in order that they may raise their voices in indignation.

We can do all these things, and failure to do them cannot be justified. We will not be able to do them tomorrow, if we allow, through our silence, our inactivity, our insensibility, Getulio Vargas to carry out his wicked plan to physically destroy the most outstanding leader of the anti-imperialist movement in the Americas.

PRESTES' WEEK

There are activities in favor of Prestes in all countries. But they are not yet well organized. These activities should be transformed into a mass anti-imperialist movement, which will reach all sections of the people, linked to all struggles against war, against imperialism, by immediate action from the different leaders of the people. The struggle for the liberty of Luis Carlos Prestes should at the same time contain solidarity and support for the Brazilian people and the struggle against terror, arbitrary methods and the troubles which exist in all our countries.

A Prestes Committee—such as exists in Mexico and Cuba—must be formed in every country. It must be broad, incorporating all anti-imperialist organizations and personalities, and must coordinate all activities, always having new initiative, and organizing great movements in which our working classes shall be the dynamic directing forces.

The Luis Carlos Prestes Committee in Mexico has launched the idea of a Prestes week (Jan. 3-10). Jan. 3 is the 43rd birthday of Luis Carlos Prestes. Jan. 10 is the anniversary of the murder of our great comrade Julio Antonio Mella. The first is a victim of Getulio Vargas, the second was assassinated by order of the Cuban dictator-tyrant, Gerardo Machado. Both are anti-imperialist dates.

The preparation of this week is our fundamental task. Mass delegations must be sent to the Brazilian embassies with millions of signatures. In the Councils must be launched the proposal to name Luis Carlos Prestes as an honorary citizen. Governments must ask to intervene with the Brazilian government, asking for the liberty of Prestes and offering him the right of asylum. In the streets, at meetings, at manifestations, in the Chambers, the brutal regime of the Vargas dictatorship must be exposed. Thousands of postcards must be sent to Luis Carlos Prestes, in prison, for his birthday. Among us, throughout the continent, there should be a revolutionary movement for Luis Carlos Prestes and his comrades. The people of Mexico will answer the call. Our Party will do all in its power to maintain its place of honor in the front ranks of this great movement.

Point of Order

By ALAN MAX

HIS LORDSHIP IS A RELIGIOUS MAN
 ("The American people will respect Lord Halifax's deeply religious sincerity"—The Herald Tribune.
 "He is a deeply religious man"—The Times.)

Eager to scoop the rest of the press which is waiting to interview Lord Halifax, Britain's new ambassador to the U. S., Point of Order does not score a scoop. It does not put through a trans-Atlantic telephone call to London and does not have the following interview with his Lordship.

—Hello, hello, London speaking.
 —Point of Order calling for Lord Halifax.
 —Hold the wire a minute; his Lordship is at his prayers.

(A long pause.)
 (Operator: "Your three minutes are up; deposit another 500 nickels in the box, please.")

—Hello, New York; his Lordship is now approaching the phone.
 (Soft organ music.)

—Hello, hello, Lord Halifax speaking.
 —I would like to ask you a few questions, m'Lord?
 —Go right ahead, old boy.
 —Any reminiscences today of Czechoslovakia, m'Lord?

—I do not discuss my betrayals on the Sabbath, old boy.
 —What happened when you used to get together with Hitler, m'Lord?
 —As befitts a deeply religious man, I was generally on my knees.

—Any comment on how you blocked every move of the Soviet Union to get League action in behalf of Ethiopia, Austria, China, Spain and Albania?
 —Really, old boy, don't you think these nations consider that 'tis better to be let down by a deeply religious man than to be saved by an infidel?

—I see by the papers, m'Lord, that you are a man of vast wealth and that you personally exploit thousands of workers in your factories and on your lands.
 —Blessed are the poor and all that sort of thing, old boy. After all, we rich suffer double what the poor suffer, don't you know?
 —How's that, m'Lord?

—The poor may have their cross to bear, but we bear a double cross, old boy.
 —I understand, m'Lord, that as Viceroy of India, you were a terror.
 —A holy terror, old boy.
 —And did a thorough job, m'Lord, of robbing the people of India of their rights and their few possessions?

—The Lord giveth and the House of Lords taketh away, old boy.
 —And now you are fighting for democracy, m'Lord?
 —Let us pray, old boy, let us pray!

News Item: "As the huge tree in front of the City Hall was lighted, Christmas carols were sung by the Clearing House Member Banks Choir."
 Sent over from Wall Street by Old Scrooge himself!

SANTA IS A RED

The kids are in a dither; they don't know what to do—The other day they heard it said That Santa is a Red.

He wears a bright red outfit; his beard may prove it too. He plots when folks have gone to bed. Yes, Santa is a Red.

They call him "un-American" in telling where he resides. Without any din, he "bores from within" When down your chimney he rides.

The Russian Bear's a comrade of his eight good deer and true. He likes to see that kids are fed. Yes, Santa is a Red.

A READER.

Have you noticed that at the Park Avenue benefits for Greece, no one recites Byron's famous poem "The Isles of Greece"? Can it be due to the fact that while Mussolini was unsuccessfully trying to invade from the North, the Isles themselves to the South were being seized by Great Britain?

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the House Not a Congressman stirred, not even a mouse. The Speaker did no speaking; there was nothing to do— 'Twas all done at 'tother end of the Avenue.

Letters From Our Readers

Language Teacher Lauds Development Of National Culture in the U.S.S.R.

Newark, N. J.

Editor, Daily Worker:

For the last fifteen years I have been engaged in linguistics, and earn my living teaching languages. Naturally, I have a priceless collection of grammars, dictionaries, anthologies, readers, lexicons in innumerable languages.

I used to look to Germany for these books, until the liberation of Russia's multi-national people. Since that day, it is to the Soviet Union that I look to my best, most intelligent, dictionaries, grammars, readers of whatever language I want.

What does my native American paper tell me: murder, private or public, hunger, race oppression, national oppression. What a joyous contrast is Pravda. In the issue I read there was a report on the development in the Kazakh language, the anniversary of the great Persian poet Nizami, plans to popularize through the Soviet land the works of a Turkoman poet (I am ashamed to say I have never heard of him); last but not least, an article on Chaucer's Canterbury Tales in a Russian translation.

Life bursting from a miller's tongue. There they seem to be living not on bread alone. And what struck me on reading was this thought: Surely, surrounded by a hostile world that has been waiting for years to destroy them, surely they must have national unity to survive. And yet, why does not their national unity require what I see about me. In my own land: suspicion of the foreign word, distrust of the culture that is not a facsimile of the approved pattern.

Do you wonder then that I have come to love the Soviet land, not just for its excellent dictionaries, for its inexhaustible supply of language books, but for the spirit that gives birth to these books. And is it any wonder that I have come to doff my hat to a man whose theory of nationalism has changed the old Russia into a joyous brotherhood. Joseph Stalin has given me an inkling of that vision, and I am happy and grateful.

S. C.

PERSONAL
But Not Private

By DAVE FARRELL

LOS ANGELES.—The papers here have changed their tunes. Where only a couple of days ago ours was the "biggest and greatest flu epidemic since 1918," now it ain't so. Just one of those things, they'd have you believe. Somebody in the All-Year Club has pointed out that if they go on advertising the flu it's going to kill the tourist trade.

But if you're asking me—and who isn't?—it's still plenty tough when a feller can't even enjoy a smoke. But there comes a time in every man's life when he tells his wife and doctor to fly a hoop or roll a kite and insists on getting up from a bed of pain, struggles to a typewriter merely to keep his hand in.

Just to point out these startling facts:

That Louie Novikoff, for instance has an all-time batting average of .380 to date. Look at these vital statistics. In his first year with Ponca City in a C league, he hit for .331. The next year at Moline in the Three-Eye League (Class B) he hit .367. In 1939 with Tulsa in the Texas League (Class A-1) he hit .368. He wound up the season playing 36 games with Los Angeles in the Pacific Coast (AA) League hitting .452. Last season he led the league again with a mere .383 and in runs driven in with 71, 80 ahead of his nearest competitor, Ripper Collins, who drove in 111. No wonder he fetched such a handsome price from the Cubs. Besides, he's got wonderful draft insurance, a wife and two children.

About That Draft

I've had it on very good authority that fewer ball players than you would imagine will be Burke-Wadsworthed. Some will go, of course, but the majority will ask deferment on the ground that their careers will be considerably curtailed by having to put in a year in khaki. Club owners will go to bat for their emes and point out that a player has but 10 years to get his stake in and to take a year out may kill off a career.

A New League in California

There will be a new league this year in the minors. The newly organized league will go with six teams certain and the possibility that two more will be added by the time the schedules are made up. At this writing the clubs are San Jose which will have a working agreement with De Vincenzi of Oakland; Fresno hooked up with Sacramento, which means the Cardinal chain; Bakersfield will be operated with the blessing of Charlie Graham of the San Francisco Seals; Stockton will be operated by Earl Hamilton, who has in the past run farms for the Cubs at Ponca City and St. Joseph; the Hollywood Stars will operate a club at San Bernardino with the possibility that either Babe Herman or Jack Rothrock will manage; and at Anaheim, where the Philadelphia Athletics do their training, there will be a club under the aegis of the San Diego Padres.

Bill Schroeder, the president of the new league, tells me that Larry MacPhail called him up and had him on the phone for half an hour wanting in. If another city can be located, there is a likelihood that the Dodgers will operate at Santa Barbara, which would be an excellent location.

The loop will operate as a C league and will have a salary limit of \$1500 for fourteen players exclusive of the manager who will undoubtedly be a playing pick. In C league the manager usually averages around \$400 a month and a percentage of the profits.

The sponsoring upper bracket teams will subsidize the clubs to the tune of \$2500 per season and will in return have an option on about half a dozen players for delivery in the fall.

Bonura or Collins for Angels

There's a story being bruited around here that the Cubs are planning to ship Zeke Bonura out to play first for the Angels. The legend or rumor being that Jimmy the Ripper Collins is going to try and make a deal for himself somewhere as a playing manager. At least that's the yarn you hear out our neck of the timber. But somehow it doesn't smell right to this skeptic. Item one being that Rip Collins will not be turned loose. He hit too well last year, winding up with a neat .377. And not having been a ten-year man in the majors, he can't declare himself a free agent. Item two, Bonura has insisted that he will not play minor league ball. And he evidently convinced Hard Headed and Hearted Bill Terry of that last year when the Giant manager tried to send him down to Jersey City. Zeke's got tough and his old man has a great banana empire. And rather than play minor league ball, Bonura has announced that he's going to play life with father. So no soap on this rumor.

For David's Fans

David, I'll have you know, has been doing right smart for himself. Of recent date he's been on a kid quiz program over the CBS picking up a neat sawbuck of a Sunday night answering questions that struck me as being way over anybody's head. But those kids seem to know all the right replies. So if you've ever thought he was a figment of my imagination—I'm glad CBS knows better. Besides, he's in the 6th grade at 9. And we've tried to keep him back.

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Allen and Chapman,
Both Past Prime, Go;
Krakauskus In

Christmas eve was not too silent a night for the Cleveland baseball team. With two trades the Indians rid themselves of two former Yankees who disappointed during 1940, Johnny Allen, a right handed pitcher going to the St. Louis Browns for a reported \$20,000 and Ben Chapman, speedy outfielder, passing to the Washington Senators in exchange for left handed Pitcher Joe Krakauskus.

Allen, who, in the past, starred with both Cleveland and the Yankees is 35 years old and has a major league record of 117 victories and 53 defeats. He had his best year in 1936, his first with the Cleveland outfit, winning fifteen games in a row, losing finally on the last day of the season, for a won and lost percentage of .938. Very temperamental, the right-hander has had many flurries with umpires and is now apparently on his way out. He has had recurring arm trouble.

The 32-year-old Chapman, once king of base stealers, and hailed in bluffs as the successor to Ty Cobb, proved a failure in Cleveland. In the two seasons since he came from the Boston Red Sox he didn't bat .300 and his failure to deliver in the clutch last season is one of the reasons the Indians failed to capture the pennant. His departure for Krakauskus would seem to benefit the Tribe as his best days are over and Krakauskus shows promise of developing, as he is only 24 years old. Although the young south-paw won only one game while losing six last year he figures to improve under the expert handling of Rollie Hensley.

The \$20,000 spent by the Browns for Allen will not be regretted if the veteran hurler has completed recovered from the arm injury which hampered him last season. The one time ace of the Cleveland staff who won 9, lost 8 in 1940 is the fourth in an effort to bolster their sad mound corps. In previous trades St. Louis got George Caster from the Philadelphia Athletics, and Denny Galehouse and Fred Ostermuller from the Boston Red Sox.

Rodney's Roundup

HENRY ARMSTRONG blew into town yesterday, said he felt fine, cuts over eyes were healed and he expects to wind up his career on a more positive note by recapturing the welterweight title from Fritz Zivic in January.

Whether or not he can beat Zivic (we don't think he can any more—he's really gone down), the decision to go through with the fight instead of retiring is a bad one. Henry doesn't have to worry about any last "positive note" as far as his history goes. His very positive record leaves him beyond any doubt the greatest little fighter of all times.

His feeling that he should end with a win is undoubtedly a sincere one stemming from a great pride of craft—but the fact that Manager Eddie Meade, who made plenty with Henry, helped him make that decision instead of taking him out of it, is no small tribute to Manager Eddie Meade. Meade knows Armstrong shouldn't fight again and knows that his cuts will be opened again. Money, money... what you do to sportsmanship...

ANOTHER TOUTED big center comes into the Garden tonight with the University of Illinois team. Some of these big boys who roll up the scores are good and some aren't. A player like Syracuse's Paul Karlukke tallies a lot of points against minor opposition, but you didn't notice him doing much business against the cage-wise NYU team last week. With all due respect, he has to be categorized as a "stiff"—that is, a big guy who parks his backside near the basket and can make just one kind of shot. If he's stopped on that he can't do anything else and doesn't help his team much. The three big centers we've seen who come to mind who weren't stiff were the magnificent and fluent Art Stoecken of these Stanford Laughing Boys, Nowack of Notre Dame and Dehner of Illinois. But you never know who's a stiff until he gets in here and you see him on the floor and not in the boxscore.

SOME FOUR O'CLOCK "T" is being prepared by Fordham for use against Texas A&M should the Aggies go into a five-man line to stop the outside threat represented by the sweeps of the fleet Edmont and Blumenstock and the passes of Filipowicz. Wotta sentence! A series of available plays from the "T" formation is particularly useful and deceptive with an attack like Fordham's which goes into the "T" on all its plays as a preliminary to shifting into its Notre Dame box or wingback formation. Are we getting too technical? Anyhow when the right time comes and the Aggies are spread thin, instead of shifting from the T the Rams will run it suddenly, with Noble taking the ball from center and handing it to probably Filipowicz, who will be steaming for the thin position of the line under full steam before the opposition sizes up the fact that the Rams haven't shifted. Now if Coach Homer Norton doesn't read this, everything will be swell.

NAT HOLMAN, CCNY's coach, of course, has sent us a copy of his magnificent bibliography on basketball, far and away the most comprehensive and useful ever compiled, and hereby recommended to all coaches and others who want to know all there is to know about the court game from the technical angle.

THE HINTS of some writers that some of the Indians who petitioned for the removal of Manager Vitt last summer were to be "purged" have taken quite a setback since the advent of Manager Peckinpah. Included in those players traded or sold to date are all but one of the minority that DIDN'T sign the mass petition. Apparently Peckinpah disagrees with those aforementioned scribes about a democratic petition to correct a grievance signifying a lack of morale.

N.B.A. Sees 'None Available' as Foe For Joe Louis

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 25 (UP).—Joe Louis was listed in the quarterly ratings of the National Boxing Association today as the world champion of the heavyweight class, but the notation "none available" was inserted in the column which ordinarily lists logical contenders.

The list released by Fred J. Saddy, NBA championship committee chairman, named Max Baer, Arturo Godoy and Red Burman of Maryland as outstanding

boxers in the heavyweight division and Abe Simons of New York, regarded as a likely opponent for Joe Louis in March, was rated an honorable mention along with seven others.

Billy Conn, who announced yesterday he would relinquish his light heavyweight title before meeting Louis in June, still was listed by the NBA as light heavyweight champion. Saddy said contenders in that class would be eligible to compete in tournament for Conn's title. Listed as eligibles were Melio Batista, New York; Anton Christofordis, Greece; Len Harvey, England; Gus Lesnevich, New York; Jimmy Webb, Missouri; Turkey Thompson and Tommy Tucker, California.

Rumor Has Blaik Taking Over Army Coach Job

WEST POINT, N. Y., Dec. 25 (UP).—Earl Blaik, a 1926 graduate of the U. S. Military Academy who is now head football coach at Dartmouth, may return to coach the cadets' 1941 eleven, but there was not an officer at the "Point" who would confirm the report today. Officials were besieged with queries last night following reports that Blaik would succeed Capt. Bill Wood as army football mentor. Wood, who completed his three year football hitch this year, was assigned to active duty at Fort Bliss, Tex.

Courtfest Under Way as CCNY, Jaspers Meet Foe

Santa Clara, Illinois Favored Over Locals at Garden Tonight in First of Three Holiday Twin Bills—Holman Still Optimistic

The first of three holiday week double headers hits the hardwood at Madison Square Garden tonight when still unbeaten Manhattan faces Illinois and, er, CCNY meets unbeaten Santa Clara, kingspins of the Pacific Coast (sometimes known as Davefarrelland).

Manhattan didn't receive much attention from the experts early in the year, but has done famously well in disposing of its four early opponents. Bob Cris has been ringing the bell from all over the court. Leon Thompson is tremendously improved and the only newcomer, center Courtney, has made a real difference. Little man-big scorer Kravets, and steady floorman Bill Schwitter have rounded out the combination nicely.

Illinois, once beaten but fresh from the almost unheard of feat of dumping Notre Dame on the South Bend court, comes in with a good Big Nine team, and that means plenty of trouble for everyone. Never mind their names. You'll hear them after tonight.

CCNY, opening the season with great prospects, has been upset twice, yet Nat Holman remains, as he says, "unaccountably optimistic" about the chances of the boys in Lavender starting to hit on their shots and becoming a great team. City will be underdog against Santa Clara team lacking only one of the players who raced up and down the floor so spectacularly here last year in trimming Holman's then inexperienced charges. The West Coast broncs have been averaging their usual 50 points a game. They can be scored on, but how they can score right back and then some!

Al Goldstein and Al Winograd will be in the lineup instead of Monitto and Scheinkman. Holman, Gerson and Phillips round out the starting quint. So far the

Line Ups, Numbers For Tonight's Games

FIRST GAME—8:15 P.M.
No.—Manhattan's Position Illinois—No.
11—Holman... L.F. ... Evans—5
12—Thompson... L.F. ... Smith—11
13—Cris... C. ... Williams—19
14—Schwitter... L.G. ... Wukovits—13
15—Kravets... R.G. ... Schach—4
Manhattan Reserves: Draddy (8), O'Reilly (8), Reynolds (7), Hasset (18), Murphy (11), Krebs (13), Christie (13), McCabe (14), Murphy (17), Kerr (18), Murphy (19).

SECOND GAME
No.—CCNY's Position Sta. Clara—No.
11—Holman... L.F. ... O'Rourke—7
12—Goldstein... L.F. ... Hain—5
13—Gerson... C. ... Baker—11
14—Phillips... L.G. ... Forster—5
15—Winograd... R.G. ... Passaglia—4
City College Reserves: Fishman (8), Loman (7), Monitto (9), Edwin (16), Miller (19), Scheinkman (16), Capraro (17), Judentried (18), Weinstein (18), Peck (22).
Santa Clara Reserves: Punochar (23), Morrey (6), Mangum (12), Mandler (14), Murphy (16).

fluffy Goldstein and soph Phillips, Negro ace from Franklin High, have been the only consistent marksmen.

THE SELECTIONS: A conservative nod to Illinois and Santa Clara, with three cheers for the local lads. L. R.

Masterson to UCLA

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 25 (UP).—Bernie Masterson, who quarterbacked the Chicago Bears professional football team to the national championship, has been appointed backfield coach of the University of California at Los Angeles. It was announced today.

Jack Dreams of THE Day

By Jack Jules

What sports might you like to see next year more than any other?

People have a lot of opinions about this. Some want to see one of the football bowl games. Others want to be in on a heavyweight championship fight. While many will be content with a world series game.

But I have a special desire. It isn't common alone with me because the overwhelming majority of the progressive sporting fraternity has been fighting for such a spectacle for too many years.

Yes, you can have your bowl games, basketball invitation tournaments, championship fights and world series. Not that I'd turn down any of them. But next year I want to see a sight infinitely greater.

I want to be a spectator, even if it is only the furthest seat in the bleachers, on that glorious day when some major league baseball or football club shatters all Jim Crow precedent and plays a Negro ball player for the first time.

Many times I have imagined that day. Most often it is a baseball game that I imagine. Other times I fancy Kenny Washington or some other Negro star packing the pignakin on a big time gridiron.

How it happens doesn't matter,

just so long as it does happen.

But it should take place in style, preceded by a parade of headlines, and spotlighted by the bright light of publicity. There should be pictures in the papers and interviews on the radio and a lot of reactionary cursing by the mini luge crowd. What a day that'll be.

As I usually dream of it, it is at a baseball game, either on opening day or during the crucial July 4th double-header. The stands are always crowded, most often at Ebbets Field. It is a happy, smiling, cheering crowd, more intent than ever on the white margined green of the diamond.

It's practice. The athletes throw the ball about with verve and sparkle. Hardly anyone notices a ball player leaving the dugout until he takes his place for the warm-up and begins to lob a few into the backstop's mitt.

Then bedlam breaks loose. Cameras begin to snap. Reporters cut in on the proceedings. Everybody begins talking at once about the Negro in the spicish uniform. On the strength and skill of his supple right or left arm are the chances for a pennant but everybody, for the moment is rejoicing that he is the first Negro to be signed honestly and openly by a major league baseball team. The pictures are taken, one with the manager, another with the catcher, at third

with the team, a few throwing, some fielding, then the reporters are driven away, and the star of the day begins to loosen up, tossing them easily, then faster and faster, curving them at will, until the smoke rises from the speed and the impact in the mitt is heard over the field.

The player could be Satchel Paige. It should be Satchel Paige. The fifteen warm-up minutes tick away. The teams parade to the flagpole and the tall Negro symbolically raises the flag while every fan stands to attention with a lump in his throat and a joyous tear in his eyes. Then, there is a presentation at home plate, a good luck token from the fans, both black and white.

Almost as an anti-climax the game begins. From the opening pitch Paige is the complete master, as he has been over big leagues for seven years in exhibition games. His control is superb. Rarely is a pitch wasted. The ball streaks in. The dippy does and the ball hops while his curve is a wicked scimitar.

But the opposition is good too. Batters for both sides trek a dismal, listless road back to the dugout after every determined endeavor. Batter follows batter, and inning follows inning, with only an occasional hit splattering to break up the smooth and graceful rhythm of the twirling.

Always, as I imagine it, it is a low hit game. And always it is tight and close, hardly any hits and no runs for either side into overtime. And always the drama heightens as the shadows grow longer and the setting sun sends its last feeble rays onto the field.

Somehow you know that this will be the last inning, that even if neither side scores, the umpires will call the game anyway. But you feel that this is not the way it should end.

The inning starts. Paige pitches. There's a hit, cleanly into left field. The next batter bunts, there's a fumble. Both are safe. A slugger up. Paige studies him, pitches carefully. Strike, buzzing over the corner. Ball, curve missed. Wide. Ball again, 400 high. Ball again, almost hit him that time. Up goes the arm, the pitch. A strike and a miss. Again, another ball. Bases full. Not a sound, not a handclap. The stands are hushed watching. Cleanup man swinging disdains the first pitch. Strike, says the umpire. Swings at the second. What a wallop! Strike tuh. Just a long strike, Satch, the stands yell. Throw it past him. And here it comes. The catcher swings, he tips it, but the catcher holds it. He's out. One away, two to go. The Satchel wipes his hand, picks up the rosin bag, throws it down. He's ready again. The first pitch, crack. The ball hums back. Paige's good hand throws it down. He pounces

on it, pivots, throws it home, then first a double play, the side's retired. No runs, one hit, one error.

We're up now. Strike is first. The fans keep cheering as he walks off the mound, selects a bat, and enters the batting box. He swings at the first one. It's a Texas Leaguer, looping over short. Safe at first. He takes a lead, the throw to first is wild, and Paige takes second, from where he rides home easily midst wild acclaim and a barrage of enthusiastic handshakes by enthusiastic teammates as the batter hangs one against the wall.

Maybe it's a dream now. But, damn it, it doesn't have to be. The southern boyboys and the Jim Crow reactionaries managed to evade the showdown in 1940.

But 1941 is another year. And if we keep up the good fight it won't be a dream. Not only Satchel Paige, but Johnny Taylor, Josh Gibson, Sam Crawford, and the many other stellar Negro baseball performers, and the Kenny Washingtons, Jackie Robinsons, and Brad Hollands, in football and win their rightful place at the sporting pinacles of the nation.

Write Judge Landis now. See that your group circulates anti-Jim Crow petitions. Elect Jim Crow from sport in 1941 and the Anti-Lynch Bill will not be far behind in becoming law.

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TRAPPED
Ben Chapman, Cleveland
outfielder, went to the Washington Senators
yesterday in exchange for
pitcher Joe Krakauskus.
With the acquisition of Gee Walker, he didn't figure in the Indians' scheme of things.

What's On
RATES: What's On notices for the Daily and Sunday Worker are 35c per line (6 words to a line—13 lines minimum). DEADLINE: Daily at 12 Noon. For Sunday, 5 P.M. Friday.
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LONDON, Dec. 22.—Prime Minister Churchill tonight urged the Italian people, monarchy and army to oust Benito Mussolini and complete the Italian revolution.
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